Anno ſecundo, & tertio,

EDOVARDI Sexti.

¶ ACTES

made in the ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, holden vpon prorogation at Weſtminſter, the fourth day of Nouember, in the ſecond yeare of our moſt dread ſouereign Lord *EDWARD* the vi. by the grace of God, King of Englande, Fraunce and Ireland, defendor of the faith, and of the Church of England, and alſo of Irelande, in earth the Supreme heade: and there continued and kept to the xiiij. day of Marche, in the *III.* yeare of our ſayde Soueraygne Lorde, as followeth.

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The firſt Chapiter.

Where of long time there hath bene had in this realm of England and in Wales, diuers formes of common prayer, commonly called the ſeruice of the Churche: that is to ſay, the vſe of Sarum, of Yorke, of Bangor, and of Lincoln: And beſides the ſame now of late, much more diuers and ſondry fourmes and faſhions haue bene vſed in the Cathedrall and pariſhe Churches of England and Wales, aſwell concerning the Mattines or Morning prayer, and the Euenſong, as alſo concernyng the holy Communion, commonly called the maſſe, with diuers & ſundry rites and ceremonies concernyng the ſame, and in the adminiſtration of other ſacramentes of the church. And as the doers and executors of the ſaide rites, and ceremonies, in other fourme then of late yeres they haue bene vſed, were pleaſed therwith: So other not vſing the ſame rites and ceremonies, were therby greatly offended. And albeit the kinges Maieſtie, with the aduiſe of his moſt entierly beloued vncle the Lord Protector, and other of his highnes counſail, hath here tofore diuers tymes aſſayed, to ſtay innouacions, or newe rites concerning the premiſſes: yet the ſame hath not had ſuch good ſucceſſe, as his highnes required in that behalfe, whereupon his highnes by the moſt prudent aduiſe aforeſayd, beyng pleaſed to beare with the fraultie and weaknes of his ſubiectes in that behalfe, of his great clemēcie hath not bene onelye content, to abſteine from puniſhement of thoſe that haue offended in that behalfe for that his highnes taketh that they did it of a good zeale: But alſo to thentēt a vniformē, quiet & godly order ſhould be had, concerning the premiſſes, hath appointed Tharchebiſhop of Cāterbury, & certen of the moſte learned & diſcrete Biſhops, and other learned mē of this realme, to conſider & ponder the premiſſes, & thereupō hauing aſwell iye & reſpect to the moſt ſincere & pure Chriſtian Religiō taught by the Scripture, as to the vſages in the Primatiue Churche, ſhould drawe & make one conuenient and meete order, rite & faſhion of common & open prayer, & adminiſtratiō of the Sacramentes, to be had and vſed in his Maieſties realme of England & in Wales: The which

at this time by the aide of the holy Ghoste, with one vnifo3me agree-
ment, is of them concluded, sette fo3the and deliuered to hys hyghnes,
to hys greate comfo3te and quietnesse of mynde, in a Booke entituled:
The Booke of the Common Prayer, and administration of the Sacra-
mentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Churche, after the vse
of the Churche of Englande. Wherefo3e the Lo3des Spirituall and
Tempo3all, and the Commons in this p3esent Parliament assembled,
consideryng as well the most godly trauaile of the kynges highnesse,
of the Lo3de P3otecto3, and other of his highnesse counsayle, in gathe-
ryng and collecting the sayd Archebishop, Bishoppes, and learned men
together, as the godly P3ayers, O3ders, Rites, and Ceremonies in
the sayde booke mencioned, and the consideracions of alteryng those
thinges which be altered, and retainyng those thynges whiche bee re-
tayned in the sayd booke: but also the honour of GOD and great qui-
etnesse, whiche by the grace of God shall ensue vppon the one and vni-
fo3me Rite and O3der, in such Common p3ayer and rites, and externe
ceremonies to be vsed th3oughout Englande and in Wales, at Calice
and the Marches of the same, do geue to his highnesse most harty and
lowly thankes fo3 the same, and humbly p3ayen that it may bee o3dey-
ned and enacted by his Maiestie, with the assente of the Lo3des and
Commons in this p3esent Parliament assembled and by the auto3itie
of the same, that all and singuler person and persones that haue offen-
ded concernyng the p3emisses, other then such person and persones, as
now bee and remayne in warde of the Tower of London, o3 in the
Fleete, may bee pardoned thereof, and that all and singuler Ministers
in any Cathed3all o3 Parish Church, o3 other place within this realme
of England, Wales, Calice, and the Marches of the same, o3 other the
kinges dominions, shall from and after the feast of Penthecost nexte
commyng, be bounden to saye and vse the Mattines, Euensong, cele-
b3ation of the Lo3des supper, commonly called the Masse and admini-
stration of eche of the Sacramentes, and all their common and open
p3ayer, in suche o3der and fourme as is befo3e mencioned in the sayde
booke, and none other o3 otherwyse. And albeit that the same bee so
godly and good, that they geue occasion to euery honest and comfo3-
table man most willingly to embrace them, yet least any obstinate per-
son, who willingly woulde disturbe so godly o3der and quiete in thys
realme should not goe vnpunished: that it may also bee o3deyned and
enacted by the authozitie afo3esayd, that if any maner of Persone, Vi-
care, o3 other whatsoeuer minister that ought, o3 should syng o3 say cō-
mon P3ayer, mencioned in the said Booke, o3 minister the Sacramēts
shall after the said feast of Penthecost next comming, refuse to vse the
said common p3ayers, o3 to minister the Sacramentes in suche Cathe-
d3all o3 Parish Church, o3 other places as he should vse o3 minister the
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same in such order and fourme, as they be mencioned and set forth in ỳ said booke, or shal vse wilfully and obstinately stãding in the same any other Rite, ceremonie, order, forme, or maner of Masse openly or priuily, or Mattins, Euensong, administracion of the Sacraments or other open prayer then is mencioned & set forth in the sayd boke: (open prayer in, and throughout this acte, is mẽt that prayer which is for other to come vnto, or heare, either in common churches, or priuate Chappels, or oratories, cõmonly called the seruice of the church) or shal preache, declare, or speake any thing in ỳ derogaciõ, or deprauing of the said boke, or any thing therin conteined, or of any part therof, & shalbe therof lawfully cõuicted according to the lawes of this Realme, by verdite of xii. men, or by his own cõfession, or by the notorious euidence of ỳ facte, shal lose & forfait to the kinges highnes, his heires and successors, for his first offence, the profite of such one of his Spirituall benefices or promotiõs, as it shal please the kinges highnes to assigne or appoint, comming and arising in one whole yere, next after this conuiction. And also that the same person so conuicted, shall for the same offence suffer emprisonment by the space of vi. monthes, without baile or mainprise. And if any such person once conuicte of any offence concerning the premisses, shall after his first conuiction eftsones offende, and be therof in fourme aforesayd lawfully conuict, that then the same person shall for his second offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, and also shal therefore be deprined Ipso facto of al his spiritual promociõs, and that it shal be lawful to all Patrons, Donors, graũtes, of al and singuler the same spiritual promociõs, to present to the same any other able Clerk, in like maner and forme as though the partie so offending were dead. And ỳ if any such person or persones, after he shalbe twise conuicted in fourme aforesaid, shal offend against any of the premisses the third time, & shall be therof in fourme aforesaid lawfully conuict, that then the persone so offending, & conuicted the third tyme, shal suffer emprisonment duryng his lyfe. And if the person that shal offend, and be conuict in forme aforesaid, concerning any of the premisses, shal not be beneficed, nor haue any spirituall promotion, that then the same person so offendyng & conuict, shall for the first offence suffer emprisonment during vi. monthes, without baile or mainprise. And if any such person, not hauing any spirituall promocion, after his first conuiction, shall eftsones offend in any thyng concerning the premisses, and shall in forme aforesaid be therof lawfully cõuicted, ỳ then the same person shall for his second offence suffer emprisonment during his lyfe.

And it is ordained and enacted by thauthority abouesayd, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, after ỳ said feast of Penthecost next comming shall in any Enterludes, Plaies, Songes, rimes, or by other open wordes declare or speake any thing in the derogacion, depraiyng or despising of the same boke or of any thing therin conteyned, or anye

partitherof, or shal by open fact, dede, or by open threatninges, compell or cause, or otherwise procure, or maintaine any person, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedrall or parish church, or in Chappell, or in any other place to sing or say any common and open prayer, or to minister any Sacrament otherwise, or in any other maner or forme, then is mencioned in the sayd booke, or that by any of the said meanes shal vnlawfully interrupt or let any Person, Vicar, or other ministers in any cathedrall or parish church, chappel, or any other place, to sing or say common & open praier, or to minister ỳ sacramentes or any of them, in such manner and fourme as is mentioned in the said booke, that then euery person being therof lawfully conuicted in forme aboue said shal forfeite, to the king our soueraigne lord, his heires & successors for the first offence x. pound. And if any person or persons being once conuicted of any such offence, etc sones offend against any of the premisses, and shall in forme aforesaid be therof lawfully conuict, that then the same person so offending and conuict, shal for the second offence forfeit to the king our soueraigne Lord, his heires and successours xx. pounde. And if any person, after he in forme aforesaide shall haue bene twise conuict of any offence concerning any of the premisses shall offend the third tyme, & be therof in forme abouesayd lawfully conuict, that then euery persõ so offending and conuict, shal for his third offence forfeit to our soueraigne Lord the king, all his goodes and catteis, and shall suffer emprisonment duryng his life. And if any person or persons, that for his first offence cõcerning the premisses, shalbe conuict in forme aforesaid, do not pay ỳ somme to be paid by vertue of his conuiction, in such maner & forme, as the same ought to be paid within sixe wekes next after his conuiction, that then euery person so cõuict, and so not paying the same, shal for the same first offence in stede of the said x. pound suffer emprisonment, by the space of thre monthes without baile or mainprise. And if any person or persons that for his second offence, concerning the premisses, shall bee conuict in forme aforesaide, do not pay the summe to be payde by vertue of his cõuiction in suche maner and fourme as the same ought to be payed, within sixe wekes next after his said second conuiction, that then euery persõ so conuicted, & not so paying the same, shal for the same second offence in the stede of the said xx. pound suffer emprisonmẽt during sixe monthes, without baile or mainprise.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery iustices of Oyer & determiner, or Justices of assise, shall haue ful power and authoritie in euery of their open and general sessions, to enquire, heare and determine, all and all maner of offences, that shal be committed or done contrary to any article cõteined in this present act, within the limittes of the cõmission to them directed, and to make processes for the executiõ of the same, as they may do against any persõ being endited before them of trespasse, or lawfully conuicted therof.

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Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde that all and euery Archbishop and Bishop, shall, or may at all tyme and times at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and associate himselfe by vertue of this act to the said Justices of Oyer & determiner, or to the same Justices of assise, at euery of the said open & generall Sessiõs to be holden in any place within his dioces, for, & to the inquisitie, hearing and determining of the offences afore.

Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lefull to any man, that vnderstandeth the Greke, Latine, and Hebrew tongue, or other strange tongue to say and haue the sayd prayers, heretofore specified of Mattins and Euensong in Latin, or any such other tonge, saying the same priuately as they do vnderstãd. And for the further encouraging of learning in ỹ tongues, in the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxford, to vse and exercise in their common and open prayer in their chappels (being no parish churches) or other places of praier, the Mattins, Euensong, Letanye, & all other prayers. (The holy Communion cõmonly called the Masse excepted) prescribed in the said booke, in Greke, Latin, or Hebrew, any thing in this present act, to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided also that it shalbe lawfull for all men aswell in Churches Chappels, Oratories, or other place, to vse openly any Psalmes, or prayer taken out of the Bible, at any due tyme not letting or omitting therby the seruice, or any part therof mencioned in the said boke,

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd that the bokes concernyng the sayd seruices, shall at the costes and charges of the Parishoners of euery Parishe, and Cathedrall Churche, be attayned and gotten before the feast of Penthecost nexte followyng, & that all suche Parishes, and Cathedrall Churches, or other places where the sayd bokes shall be attayned and gotten, before the sayde feaste of Penthecost, shall within three wekes nexte after the saide bokes so atteyned & gotten, vse the said Seruice, & put the same in vre accordyng to this acte.

And be it further enacted by thautoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shalbe at any tyme hereafter empeched, or otherwise molested, of, or, for any of the offẽces abone mẽcioned, hereafter to be cõmitted or done, contrary to this acte, vnles he or they so offeding be therof endited at the next generall Sessions, to be holden before any such Justices of Oyer & determiner, or Justices of assise next after any offence cõmitted or done cõtrary to the tenour of this acte.

Prouided alwaies & be it ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler Lordes of the Parliament, for the thirde offence abouemencioned, shalbe tried by their Peres.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Mayor of London, and all other Mayors, Bayliffes, and other heade officers, of all and singuler Cities, Borroughes,

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and townes corporate, within this realme, wales, Calice, and the marches of the same, to the which Justices of Assise do not commonlye repaire shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, to enquire heare and determine the offences aboue sayd, & euery of them yerely w̄in xv. dayes after the feast of Easter, and Sainct Michael the Archangell, in like maner and fourme, as Justices of Assise and Oyer & determiner may do.

Prouided alwayes & be it ordeyned & enacted by ẏ authoritie aforesayd, that all and singuler Archbishoppes and Bishoppes, and euery of their Chauncellours, Commissaries, Archdeacons, and other Ordinaries hauing any peculier Ecclesiastical Jurisdictiō, shal haue ful power & auctoritie by vertue of this acte, aswel to enquire in their visitaciōs, Synodes, and els where within their iurisdiction, at any other time & place, to take occasions and informaciōs of al & euery the things aboue mencioned, done, cōmitted, or perpetrate, within the limites of their iurisdictiōs & authoritie, and to punish the same by admonitiō, excōmunicatiō, sequestraciō, or deprivaciō, & other cēsures, & proceſſe in like forme as heretofore hath bene vsed in like cases, by the Kinges Ecclesiastical lawes.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, ẏ whatsoeuer person offending in the premisses, shall for the first offence receiue punishment of the Ordinary, hauing a testimonial therof, vnder the sayde Ordinaries seale, shal not for the same offence eftsones bee conuicted before the Justices and likewise receiuing for the saide first offence, punishment by the Justices, he shall not for the same offence, eftsones receiue punishment of ẏ Ordinarie, any thing, conteined in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

¶ *The ij. Chapiter.*

¶ An Acte touching the true seruice of Capitaines and Souldiours.

WHere before this tyme, diuers of the kinges Maiesties louing and obedient Subiectes, according to their bounden duties, haue assigned, appointed, and sent forth, aswell in the parties beyonde the Seas, and to the Seas, as also into Scotlande and other places, diuers times both within this realme & without this Realme, many able persons or Souldiors, wel furnished with good Horses and Harnesses, mete to serue the king in warres, to their greate charges and costes. Yet some of the sayde Souldiours so sent, doe serue contrary to theyr sayde Masters expectation, and contrary to their bounden dueties to the Kinges highnesse, haue solde, lost, exchaunged, or altered theyr maisters Horse and Harnesse, or otherwyse by deceipte or couyn conuerted the same: By meane

meane wh ereof the kinges highneſſe hath not only bene deſtitute of ẏ ſame ſouldiors in time of nede, but alſo the owners of the ſaid horſes & harnes who ſent thē thither, haue bene vntruly deceaued of their horſes and harneſſes, being therby leſſe able to refurniſh other ẏ like ſouldiors with Horſe and harneſſes, at ſuch tyme as they ſhalbe thereunto commaunded by the kinges highneſſe. And ſometyme the Capitaines of ſuch ſouldiors departed, haue demaunded, had, & taken of the kings highnes wages for the ſame ſouldiors ſo departed, by meane whereof the Kinges Maieſtie hath ſuſteined and borne great paymentes, and yet his maieſtie hath not bene truly ſerued for the ſame. not a little to ẏ diſpleaſure of the kyng, and to the great charge of the poore ſubiects, being commaunded to ſet forth ſuch ſouldiours. For remedye whereof be it enacted by the king our ſoueraigne lord, with the aſſent of the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, & the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the autoritie of the ſame, that if any ſouldiour hereafter, ſeruing the king in his wars, in any his dominions, or on the ſeas, or beyond the ſeas, or in Scotland, after the firſt day of April next comming, do ſel, geue away, or wilfully purloyne, or otherwiſe exchāge alter, or put away any horſe, gelding or mare, or any harnes wherwith he ſhalbe ſet forth, that then euery ſuch ſouldior ſo offending, vpon due proofe, or teſtimonie to be taken before the Lieuetenant, high admiral the kinges deputie, Viceadmiral, Wardein, or Capitaine, and in theyr abſence before any of their deputies, ſhall bee impriſoned by the ſame lieuetenant, or any other before named, there to remaine wout bayle or mainprize, vntill he haue ſatiſfied to the partie, owner of the Horſe, Gelding, mare, or Harnes ſo by him ſolde, purloined, exchaunged, wilfully loſte, altered, or otherwiſe made away. And if ſuche ſouldiour ſo offendyng, fortune to eſcape from the lieuetenant, and other the forſaid perſons, without the punihment and reſtitucion aforeſayde, that then the ſame ſouldiour vpon complaint made by the partie greued, or his executors or adminiſtrators, vpon due proofe therof to bee made to any Juſtice, or iuſtices of peace, in the parties where ſuch ſouldior ſo offending ſhalbe found, ſhalbe by ſuche Juſtice or Juſtices committed to Warde, there to remaine without baile or mainprize, vntill he haue ſatiſfied the partie greued, his executors or adminiſtrators, of and for ſuch Horſes, Geldings, or Mares, and harnes, ſo by any ſuch ſouldior wilfully loſt exchanged, altered, or otherwiſe purloyned.

Prouided alway, that if the ſayd ſouldior, bring any ſufficient warraunt or teſtimony before the ſayd iuſtice from the ſayd Lieuetenaunt or any of the perſons aboue named of writing vnder the Seale of any of them, teſtifying that the ſame horſe or Harnes were loſt in the kings ſeruice, againſt the will of the ſayd ſouldior, or that the ſame Horſe or Harnes was taken by the ſame Lieuetenant, or any of thothers before named, from the ſaid ſouldior, for any reaſonable reſpect, and appoyn-

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ted to some other, to serue in the place & stede of the saide souldiour: ẏ then euery such souldiour, not bringing to the owner the saide Horse & Harnes shalbe discharged thereof, against the owner therof. And ẏ thē euery such souldiour to whome the saide horse, or Harnes shalbe appointed as is aforesaide, not bringing home to the owner the saide horse & harnes after he shalbe discharged, to suffer like paine, as is aforesaide.

2 And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide that if any souldiour seruing, as is aforesaide, departe without licence of the Lieutenant, or any of the other aboue named, with botie, or otherwise, being in the enemies countrey, or els wher in the Kinges seruice, or out of any Garrison, where he or they shalbe appointed to serue, ẏ thē euery such soldiour so departing without licence, to be taken & iudged as a felon, & to be executed as in case of felony, without hauing any auantage of his clergie or Sanctuary. & that the Justices of euery Shiere, where any such souldior shallbe taken, shall haue ful power to enquier, heare, & determine, al & euery the said offences, concerning euery suche departure as they doe & may in other cases of Felonye committed in ẏ Shire, where such souldiour shalbe taken.

3. And be it also further enacted, by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any commissioner or capitaine to whome the Kinge shall directe his commaundemēt by commission or letters, for the leuying or setting forth of any mā, to serue the King in his warres, shal at any time after the saide first day of Aprill, for any gaine, reward, or other lucre, discharge anye pson or psons, by him appointed to serue ẏ king, as a Capitain, Souldiour or Pienor, of hiz seruice so appointed and do assigne any other pson, or persons in his or theire stede, for any lucre or gaine, as is aforesaide that then euery Commissioner or other persone so offending, shall forfaite to the king, for euery such default, of euery man so discharged, xx. pounde to be leuied of his goodes and cattelles.

4 And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, ẏ if any Capitaine being appointed to haue the order of any nomber of souldiours, vnder any other higher officer, do for any cause licence any souldiour in his retinue, to depart frō the filde, or fortresse, where they shallbee appointed to serue wout the especiall assent & licence in writting of the lieutenant or the others before named, shall forfaite & lose for euery such souldior, so by him licenced to depart xx. pounde to be leuied, as is aforesaide to the vse of the King.

5 And be it also enacted, by the authority aforesayd, that if any Lieuetenaunt, or any other before named, hauyng the order of anye number of souldiors, seruing, as is aforesayd, vpon the Sea, or lande, doe at anye tyme after the sayd first day of Aprill demaunde, receyue, nor take of the Kynges highnes, or any of his treasurers any wages for any more souldiors, then serued in such maner and forme as the wages was payd for, or for any mo dayes then such souldiours serued, and do not note ẏ day

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of euery ſouldiors entrie into wages, and day of his death and departure, and deliuer the ſame to ſuch treaſurers, as ſhall pay the ſayd wages, euery month in writing, ſo as the truth of the number of the ſouldiors, may appeare to the kinges treaſurer, and Maiſter of the kings Muſters for the time being in that behalf, that then euery ſuch lieuetenaunt, and other before named ſo offending, ſhall forfait and loſe to the king for euery ſuch default v. pound, to be leuied as is aforeſayd to the vſe of the kyng, and to be impriſoned by the ſpace of one month, and to loſe his office.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that no Capitaine after the ſayd firſt day of Aprill ſhall geue to any of his ſouldiors, appointed to ſerue vnder him, in any toune or Fortreſſe, kept with garriſons of ſoldiours, any licence, or paſſeporters, to depart from his ſeruice, but onely the lieuetenant, or any others as is aforeſaide, vpon paine of impriſonment, aſwel of the Capitain as ſouldior ſo offending at the diſcrecion of the ſayd lieuetenant, or the others before named. 5

And be it further enacted, by the authoritie aforeſaid, ꝑ euery lieuetenaunt, and other before named, vpon the paine of x. pounde, ſhall cauſe to be proclaimed the whole effect & contentes of this act. That is to ſay euery lieuetenant of army, in euery field vnder his charge, to proclaime this act euery moneth, and that euery of the kinges deputies of euerye Fortreſſe, & Capitaine of any other fortreſſe, to proclaime this act with in his charge, once euery quarter of a yere. 7

And alſo be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, for the better execution of the premiſſes, that euery perſon or perſonnes, geuyng to the Lieuetenant, or the others aboue named, true informacion of anye of the offences aboue remembred, ſhall haue for his labour one monethes wages, of him that ſhalbe found faultie, to be payed by the hand of the Treaſurer, vpon warrant of the ſayde lieuetenant, or any of the others aforeſayd. 9

Prouided alwayes that nothing herein conteyned, ſhall in any wiſe extende to touche, or infringe any orders, eſtabliſhed for the gouernement of Calice, and the Marſhes of the ſame, or any other place of the kynges, now gouerned, or hereafter to be gouerned by ꝑ ſame orders, or by ſuch orders as may pleaſe his grace hereafter to ſet forthe for the ſame.

Prouided alwais, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that it ſhalbe lawfull to all and euery of the ſayde Lieuetenantes, and other the ſayde perſons to retayne in his or their owne handes, to their own vſe, of the wages of his, or their ſouldiors, the ſummes following, ꝑ is to ſay, vi. ſhillinges viii. pence for the liuery, or cote of euery pomā ſouldior, and xiii. ſhillings iiii. pence for the liuery or cote of euery gentlemā ſouldior for one whole yere.

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by the authoritie aforesayd, that no maner of lieuetenant, or anye other the sayd persones, shall hereafter be charged or preiudiced by vertue of this acte, or any thing therin conteined, for lacke of his or their nomber reteigned, as is aforesayd, for, or concernyng any souldior, or souldiors, as shall happen to dye duryng his seruice, or to be sick by the visitacion of God, or that shal depart agaynst the will of his lieuetenant, or other before named, vnlesse it shall be in the default of any of them.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte be not preiudicial nor hurtful to ỳ sayd Lieuetenant, or any other the sayd persons, or any other hauyng vnder them retinue of souldiors, nor any of them, for nonepayment of the kynges wages, to theyr housholde seruantes and other, to whome they shall dayly find and geue meate and drinke, during the said seruice of warre.

Prouided alway, that this Acte nor nothyng therin conteyned, shal extend to charge any person or persons, for the takyng or receauyng of any gyft or reward, of any of his, or theyr tenantes, or frendes towardes the relefe, ayde, or helpe of the same persons, beyng commaunded by the kyngs maiesty, to serue in Warres, or otherwyse to fynde mẽ on horsebacke, or on foote, aswell within this Realm, or wythout. Nor for the gyft, reward, ayde or helpe, reserued, or couenaunted to be payd, or geuen to any person, appoynted to serue in warres, or to fynde horse or men, to serue by reason of any graunt, couenant, reseruacion, custome, or tenure.

Prouided, that this Act, nor any thyng therin conteyned, shal not extend to charge any lieuetenant, or others aboue named, for detaynyng, or retaynyng any part of any the sayd souldiors wages toward, or for ỳ payment of Victayles, Harnes, Weapons, or for any prest money prouided and deliuered to any such souldior.

¶ *The iij. Chapiter.*

¶ An Acte touching Purueyours.

THE kynges most excellent Maiestye, is pleased and contented, by thaduise of hys honorable Counsayle, at the humble petition, suite, and complaynt of his louing and obedient subiectes, that it be enacted by hys highnes, wyth the consent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritye of the same, that from and after the feast of S. John the Baptist, whiche shall be in the yeare of our Lorde GOD, a M. CCCCC. xiij. vntill the sayd feast of Saint John the Baptist, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M. CCCCC. liij. no Purueyor, or taker, or any other persone or personnes, by authoritie of any commission, or commissions, or other writyng, or writyngs heretofore granted or made, or hereafter to be graunted or made, by the kynges Maiestie,

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or by any other warrant, letter or aucthoritie whatsoeuer shal purueye or take for the prouision of the kings Maiesties moste honorable houshold, or for the prouision of the housholdes of the kinges maiesties systers, or any other person or persones, any Corne, Graine, Malt, Meale, Calues, Lambes, Kiddes, Hennes, Chekins, Capons, Wildfoule, Butter, Cheese, Egges, Biefes, Muttons, Fishe, Timbre, Woodde, Cole, Strawe, Haye, or any other kynde of vittailes, wythout the full assent and consent of the owner or owners, of the same, and at suche price and prices, for ready money, or money to be paied at suche daies and places, as suche purueior, taker, or other person or persones, can and shall agree with the owner, or owners of the same.

¶ And be it further enacted, by thaucthoritie of this present Parlyament, that from, and after the feast of Christmas, whiche shalbee in the yere of our Lorde God, M.v.C.xlix. vntil the feast of Christmas which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God. M.v. C.lii. no purueior or any other person or persones, by aucthoritie of any comission or commssions, or other writing or writinges, heretofore graunted or made, or hereafter to bee made or graunted by the kings maiestie, or by any other warrant, letter, or aucthoritie whatsoeuer, shall puruey or take, for anye of the kinges maiesties affaires, or for any other cause or matter, concerning the warres, or otherwise, any goodes, cattalles, trees, timbre, or other thinges whatsoeuer (sauing onely barges, shyppes, and other vessels, cartes, cariages, and thinges necessarie for cariages) without the assentes and ful agrements of the owner or owners of the same, and at suche price and prices, for readye money, or money to bee paied, at suche daies & places, as any suche purueior, taker, or other person or persons, can, or shall agree with the owner or owners of the same. And if anye purueior or taker, or any other person or persones shall after any of the said feasts, of Saint Jhon Baptist, and Christmas next comming, procure or attempt, to take or puruey for the kinges maiestye, or for any other person or persones, any vitailes or other thinges whatsoeuer, contrary to the true meaning of this act. That then suche taker, purueyor or any other suche persone or persones so offendyng, shall forfait to the party or parties greued, treble the value or values, of ẏ thyng or things so taken or purueied, & shal also suffre imprisonment, by the space of one quarter of a yere, without baile or mainprise, and shall make fine at the kinges will and pleasure: For the which forfaiture, the party or parties greeued, shall haue his remedy by action of debt, information or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in which accion, sute or informacion, no essoin, wager of lawe, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by thaucthoritye aforesaide, that it shall and maye bee lefull, during the yeres before specified, to anye personne or personnes, by aucthoritie of the kyngs commission or commissions, or by aucthoritie of anye letter or commyssion

to be directed from the Lord Protectors grace, or from any two of the kinges priuie counsail, or from the Master of the Postes, or from anye the kings Lieutenaunts, generalles, deputies, wardens, or any of their deputies in his warres, to take Poste horses or geldinges, for the conueyghing or cariyng of anye personne or personnes, aboute the kynges maiesties affaires, paiyng to the owner or owners, of suche poste Horses or geldinges, after the rate of one peny for euery mile, any thyng or matter conteined in this act, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandyng.

And where the kynges maiestie doth allowe for euerye carte, cariyng his graces cariages of houshold, two pence for a mile cariage, It is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that from, and after the feast of saynt Jhon Baptist next comming vntill the saide feast of Saint Jhon Baptist, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God a.M.v.C.xli. there shalbe allowed and payde, to the owner or owners, of euery suche carte, cariyng the kings cariages, of his houshold.iiii.d. for euery mile cariage. And for the cariages of any other of the kings cariages, for the warres or otherwise, during the yeres aforesaid.iii.d. for euery mile cariage: Any lawe, vsage, or custome, heretofore had or vsed, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The.iiii. Chapter.

¶ An act for the Shirifes to haue certeine allowaunces, vpon their accomptes.

MOste humbly beseechen the kinges moste excellent maiestie, his true and faithefull subiectes, the commons in this present Parliament assembled: That where in the Parliament begonne at Westminster, the.xvi. day of January, in the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne Lorde of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, and by prorogacion holden at Westmynster the two and twenty daye of January, in the fower and thirtye yeare of the reigne of our saide late soueraigne lorde, and there continued vntil the twelfe day of May, in the.xxxv. yere of the reigne, of the said late king: vpon diuerse and sondrye considerations, there was enacted and made one act, by the auctoritie of the same parliament, concerning the accõpt or accomptes of Shyrifes, to be made in the Exchequier as in the same act more plainely at large it is conteygned. And albeit it was ment, at the time of the making of the sayde acte, as it may appeare by the wordes of the saide acte, that shyrifes shoulde not bee charged vpon theire accomptes, but onely with suche sommes of money, as they might lawfully leuie: And also that the saide Shirifes, shoulde haue allowaunce, not all onely for suche charges and expences, as they should sustein and beare for the dietes and charges of the Justices of Assise, but also for

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other necessary charges and expences, by them susteined, in and aboute the exercising of their saide office. Yea neuertheless, the saide Sherifes are and haue been, sythen the making of the sayde acte, more and sorer charged, vexed, and troubled, then they were before to the great impoueryshement, of men of worship & Gentlemen, within this realme, that haue been Shirifes, and so is very like to bee, to all suche as hereafter shalbe shirifes, if remedy be not prouided in this behalfe: It may therefore please the kings moste excellent maiestie, that it may bee enacted, & established, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauethority of the same, that the saide former acte, and all clauses and sentences in the same conteined, shalbe frō henceforth, clearely frustrate & voyd to al intents & purposes, other then hereafter in this act shalbe specified.

And that it may bee enacted, by this present parliament, that the shyrifes whiche shalbe made, from henceforth within all the shires of England: and also suche as haue not made, and finished their accompt or accomptes, shall haue suche and like tailes of rewarde, and all suche other allowances, as they had, before the making of the saide former acte or els the same shirifes, whiche shalbee, or heretofore haue been to bee at their election and choyse, to accompt, and all other thinges to do, according to the aforesaide former act. And that they and euery of them, that so shal accompte, and take no taile of rewarde, shalbe in, & by all things intreated, in the kinges Exchequier, as thoughe the saide former acte, were, and should continue, in his full strength and effect, anye thing before specified notwithstanding. And that the same tayles of rewarde, & euery of them, by force of this present act, without any further warrāt or warrantes, to be obteigned for the same, shalbe leuied or stricken, at the receipt of the kinges maiesties Exchequier, in due maner & fourme, with suche like letter or writinges, vpon the same tailes, and euerye of them, as before the making of the saide former acte were and haue ben accustomed, to be leuyed and striken. And that the same tayles so hereafter, there to be leuyed and stryken, shalbe delyuered vnto euery of the same shirifes, or their sufficient attorney for thē, without prest, or other charge to be set vpon them for the same. And that this act shalbe a sufficient warrant and discharge, vnto the Treasorer of England, and all other officers, within the saide receipt, for stryking, leuyng, and delyuery of the saide tailes, and euerye of them. And further, that all those shirifes, that hereafter shalbee made, within those shires of Englande where as no tailes of rewarde, heretofore haue ben, by the kinges Maiesties most noble progenitors, geuen & graunted, and suche Shyrifes as shall hereafter, take no tayle of rewarde, shall in consideration of their greate costes, charges, and expenses, whiche they shal beare and sustein, aswell by the dietes of the Justices of Assises, as by anye other meanes, haue vpon the end of their accomptes, and of euerye of them,

ſuche allowaunces, vpon a petition to be made, by the ſame ſhyrifes, or any of them, in a byll to be brought in, by the ſame ſhirife, and euerye of them of their ſaide coſtes and charges, vpō which bilies, the ſame Sherifes to be ſworne in their owne proper perſones, or by their vnder ſherifes, or lawfull attorney, there vnto admitted, to be true, without warrant or taile, ſuing for the ſame. And alſo that all ſhirifs, which hereafter ſhall take no taple of rewarde, and euery of them, ſhalbe diſcharged vpon their accomptes, of all ſuche fermes, goodes, cattalles, profits, caſualties, and ſummes of money, whiche they might or ſhould be charged with vpon their accompts in the ſaid Exchequer, by what title or name ſoeuer they be named or vpon whatſoeuer perſon or perſōs, they ſhalbe ſtreated, or out of whatſoeuer landes and tenements, they ſhalbe going foorthe, as theye can not leuye nor come by. And that all other ſhirifes, whiche hereafter ſhall take any taple of rewarde, ſhall in like maner be diſcharged, of all ſuche fermes, & ſommes of money aforeſaide (exepte onely of the vicounteiles of their ſhires, wherewith they ſhalbe charged & aunſwerable as they were before the making of the aforeſaid former act) And alſo the ſame ſhirifes, of euerye ſhire of Englande, that nowe bee or heretofore haue been, or that hereafter ſhalbe, and euery of them, ſhal haue plaine deduction and allowance, in their ſaide accomptes, of al ſuch ſomme & ſommes of money, as they, or any of them, ſhall make, or haue made true petition, of, for, or cōcerning ſuche poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes, as be come vnto, or were in the kinges maieſties hands, or any his progenitors, by vnitie of poſſeſſion, or by anye meane, out of the which any part or parcel, of the aforeſaid vicounteiles, were at any time heretofore leuiable or leuied. And that the Lorde Threaſourer, Chamberlain, Chancellor, and Barons of the ſaid Exchequer, or in the abſēce of the ſaide lorde Treaſourer, Chamberlaines, & Chauncellor the ſaide Barons, ſhal by auctoritie of this act, geue, & make allowance, deduction, and exoneration, to euery of the ſaide ſhirifes, of the ſayde fermes, and of all other thinges, without any other warrant.

Prouided alwaye, that euerye of the ſaide ſhirifes, at his daye of prefiction, immediately after that he or his deputie, or attorney, is ſworne to accompt for thiſſues and profits, of his office of ſhirifewicke, ſhall by himſelfe, or by his attorney, or deputy ſworne for him, when he ſhall aunſwere before the Lorde Treaſourer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, and Barons of the ſaide Exchequier, or in the abſence of the ſaide lorde Treaſourer, Chamberlaine, or Chauncellour, or of anye of them: then before ſuch of the ſaide lorde Treaſourer, Chamberlaines, or Chaūcellor, and of the ſaide Barons, as then ſhal happen to be preſent, in ỳ ſaide court of Exchequier, to bring in, and deliuer in the ſayde court, Rolles, or Cedules, of parchement, conteining in them truely, without omyſſyon or concealement, all ſuch particuler ſommes of money, which he hath leuied, or lawfully might haue leuied, to his weting or knowlege, with-

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in his bayliwicke, as parte or parcell, aswell of the sayde fermes, called vicountelles, in the saide former acte expressed, as of all other fermes, of what name or title soeuer they be called, being streated, writtē or otherwise charged, to any of the saide shirifes, out of the sayde court of Exchequer, making expresse and distinct mencion, in the same Rolles or cedules, as nigh as he or they can or may, of what persons, and what landes & tenements, and for what cause, the same particuler sōmes of money, and euery of thē, be leuied or leuiable: And that after the same rolles or cedules so deliuered, and the particuler sūmes of moneye, in them conteigned, appertreigning to their propre fermes, cast and rated in the saide court, the saide lorde Treasourer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, & the saide Barons, in the absence of the said Treasourer, Chamberlains, or Chauncellour, or any of them for the time being, shall haue ful power and aucthoritie by this acte, for the leuying and recouerye of suche particelles, belonging to any the saide fermes, called vicountelles, or anye other fermes, by what name or title soeuer they shalbe called being omitted out of the saide rolles or cedules, and for sauing of other, the kings auncient rightes & inheritances, aunswerable in the sayde Exchequer, whiche be nowe wrongfully withdrawen or vniustly withholden from the kinges maiestie his possessions: and shall haue power and aucthoritie, from time to time, to awarde such proces, and vse suche conuenient waies and meanes, by commission or otherwise, according to the courts of the saide Exchequer, and further as shalbe deuised by their discrecion: so that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, may be truely aunswered, of thissues and profites of the same, this act, or any other statute, acte, ordinance, or vse heretofore, to the contrary had, made, or vsed, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And furthermore, that the saide Treasourer, Chaumberlains, Chancellour, and Barons of the saide Exchequer, or the saide Baron, in the absence of the saide Treasourer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellour, or any of them, for the time being, shal haue full power and aucthoritie, by their discrecions, from time to time, to geue and allowe, vnto all and euery suche commissioner or commissioners, as they shall assigne and appoint by their discrecion, to enquire of the saide fermes, and other the kinges rightes withdrawen, their reasonable costes & charges, as from time to time, to them shall seeme good and conuenient.

¶ The.v. chapiter.

An act, touching the remitting of fee fermes, for three yeres.

THe kynges moste excellent maiestye, of hys moste godlye and verteous disposition, by the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliamente assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, aswell for the ayde and

relief of the poore, in the cities, boroughes, & townes corporate, of this his realme of England, and countrie of Wales, as for the execucion of other dedes of charity & common wealth there: Ordeineth and enacteth, that such fee farmes and sommes of money, paied for fee farmes, as by any citie, borough, or towne corporate, within this his realme of England or countreis of Wales, or by the bodies politique, or corporate officers, or ministers of the same, should, or ought to be due & paiable, to his maiestie, his heires or successors, during three yeres nexte ensuing, after the xiiii. day of March, in this present yere of our Lord God, M. v. C. xlviii. shall cease & not to be due, ne paiable to his maiestie, ne hys heires or successours, by any such citie, borough ne towne corporate, ne by any the bodies politique, or encorporate of them, ne of any of the, nor by the officers, inhabitaunts, & ministers of the same, cyties, boroughes, or townes corporate, or any of them. And that this present act, shalbe to them, and every of them, & to the successors, of every of them, a sufficient warrant & discharge, against his maiestye, his heires and successors for the reteining, and withholding of the same fee farmes, & sommes of money, during the saide three yeres. And that no processe or other sute, shal be at any time had, or awarded against them, or any of them, out of the Exchequier or any other court for tharrerages thereof, for, or in any of the saide three yeres.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted, by aucthoritie afore saide, that assuche of all and every suche sommes of money, as should, or ought to bee due, to the kinges maiestie, or his heires, or successours, by any citie borough or towne corporate, within Englande, or Wales, or by the bodies politique, of the same, or by any the officers, or ministers of ỹ same, or any of them, during the saide three yeres, which may be gathered, & collected of the issues, farmes or profits, for whiche the saide fee farmes should be paide, in case the same had not been discharged by this present act, shalbe levied, collected, gathered, payed, and answered, as it should have been, if this act had not been made, to be employed, and bestowed, in & about repairing of walles, bridges, setting poore people in worke, or other good dedes, in every suche citie, borough, or towne corporate where the same should so have ben due, during ỹ said three yeres, if this act had not been made, by the discrecion and appointment of such commissioners, as the kinges maiestie, shal particularly aucthorise & appointe for every such citie, borough, or town corporate, in such maner & forme, as the same commissioners shall assigne, limitte, and appointe, or as by suche commission, shalbe declared or expressed, and not to the kings maiestie, his heires or successors, in his highnes court of Exchequier, or in any other courte or place, to the vse of his maiestie hys heyres or successours.

And it is further ordeigned and enacted, by the aucthoritie afore saide, that if any officer or clerke, attendyng vpon his graces courtes, at anye tyme

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within, or after ỳ said thre yeres, make out or write any maner of writtes, or other processes, or any extreates, Sommons, or other precepts, wherby any of his sayd subiectes, or any of the saied bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of them, shalbee in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, Sōmoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenemētes, goodes or cattalles, or any of thē, for, or because of the said fee farmes, discharged for the said thre yeres, as is aforesaid, or any part therof, he so offending, shall yelde & pay for recompence therof, to the partie grieued, treble damages and costes of the suite. And neuertheles, all and singuler such writtes, protestes, extreates, and preceptes, so to be made, for, or vpon any maner of thyng, discharged by this act shalbe vtterly voide, and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that if the kyng our soueraigne Lorde that now is, or any other of his highnes progenitors, kinges of this realme, or any of them, haue by his, or their letters Patentes, or otherwise, lawfully graunted to any person or persons, or to any body or bodies, politique or corporate, for life, in fee or otherwise any some, or sōmes of money, for any consideration or cause whatsoeuer to be had, paid, taken, or receiued, of any fee farme, or fee farmes, of any such citie, borough or towne corporate, or of the bodies politique, or corporate aforesaid, or of, or by the officers, inhabitauntes, or ministers of the same cities, boroughes, or townes corporate, or any of them, that al such sōme or sommes of money, so going out, or to be paied, of suche fee farme or feefarmes, shalbe paid yerely, during the said three yeares, by the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, bodies politique, and corporate or by the officers, inhabitants, or ministers of the same, to euery such person or persons, that of right ought by reason of suche letters patents, or by any other lawfull meane, as is aboue sayde, to haue, take or receiue, suche somme or sommes of money, going out, or to bee taken or paiable, of such feefarme or feefarmes, and the kyng thereof not to bee charged, in his Exchequier, ne els where, during the sayde three yeares onely. And that euery such person and persōs, and body, and bodies politique, or corporate, that shold or ought to haue, any such sōme or sōms of money, as is before saide, during the said three yeres, shall haue their remedy for the same, by action of debte, or writ of annuitie, in anye of the kynges courtes of Record, against euery persone and persōnes, bodies politique or corporate, that ought to pay any suche fee farme, or out of the which any such annuitie, rent, or sōme of money, ought to be payed: any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof, in anye wyse notwithstanding.

¶The.vi.chapiter.

¶An act against the exaction of money, or other thyng by any officer, for licence to trafficque into Iseland.

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FOrasmuche, as within these fewe yeres nowe laste past there hathe been leuied, perceiued, and taken, by certaine of the officers, of the Admiraltie, of suche Merchauntes and Fishermen, as haue vsed and practised the aduentures and iourneis into Islande, Newefounde lande, Irelande, and other places commodyous for Fishyng, and the getting of fishe, in, and vpon the seas, or otherwise, by waye of Merchauntes, in those parties, diuerse great exactions, as sommes of money, doles, or shares of Fyshe, and suche other lyke thinges, to the greate discouragement, and hynderaunce of the same Merchauntes, and fyshermen, and to no litle damage, to the whole common weale. And whereof also great complaints haue been made, and informacions also yerely, to the kinges maiesties moste honorable counsaill: for reformacion whereof and to thintent also, that the saide merchauntes and Fishermen, may haue occasion, the rather to practise, and vse the same trade of merchandize, and fishinge freely, without anye suche charges, or exactions, as is before limitted, whereby it is to be thought, that more plenty of fish, shall come into this realme, & thereby to haue the same, at more reasonable prices.

Be it therefore enacted, by the king our souereigne lord, & the lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that neither the Admirall nor anye officer or mynyster officers or ministers, of the Admiraltie, for the time beeing, shall in anye wise hereafter exact, receiue, or take, by himselfe, his seruaut, deputye, seruaunts, or deputies, of any such merrhaunt, or fisherman, any somme or sōmes of money, doles, or shares of fishe, or any other rewarde, benefite, or aduantage, whatsoeuer it be, for any licence to passe his realme, to the said voiages, or any of thē. Nor vpon anye respecte, concerninge the said voyages, or any of thē, vpon pain to forfait for the first offēce, treble the somme, or treble the value of the rewarde, benefite or aduantage, that any such officer, or minister, shal hereafter haue or take, of any such merchaunt, or fisherman. For the whiche forfaiture, the partye greued, and euery other person or persōs, whatsoeuer he or they be, shal and may sue for the same, by informacion, bill, plaint, or action of debte, in any of the kings courtes of recorde, the king to haue thone moitye, & the party complaining, thother moity: in which suite no essoigne, protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed: & for the second offence, the partie so offending, not onely to lose and forfait his or their office or offices in the Admiraltie, but also to make fine and raunsome, at the kings will and pleasure.

¶ The.vii.chapiter.

An act against the crafty and deceiptfull buying of Pencions.

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The kynges moste excellent Maiestye, the Lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, vnderstanding that diuers personnes, sekinge vnhonest and filthy gaine, without respect, eyther of God, or due regarde to the kynges maiestye, by sundrye attemptes and practises, haue not onely extorted diuers sommes of money, of diuerse the kynges louing Subiectes, hauing pencions, by the kynges letters patentes, but also with slaunderous wordes, towardes the kynges maiesties officers, and asmuche as in them lyeth, impeaching the kynges procedinges, haue for litle money, or none, or other thing geeuen to some of the saide pencioners, supplanting them, bought of diuers pencioners their pencions, had by such patentes, beeing their relefe to liue by, to theire vtter vndoyng: Bee it enacted, by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the comunons, in thys present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that al, and euery persome and personnes, that at anye time heretofore, since the firste Session of the parliament, holden at westminster, in the first yere of the reigne, of our said souereigne lorde the king, that nowe is, by any fraudulent, or deceiptfull waye or meanes, hath or haue gotten, or obteigned for money or otherwise, any gifte, graunt, bargaine, or promise, of any pencioner or pencioners, of his or their saide patente or patentes, concerning his or their said pencion, graunted, or to bee graunted or assigned, out of anye Manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, that did belong or apperteigne, to anye of the late Monasteries, priories, religious houses, colleges, chauntries, guildes, fraternities, or other possessions, or by reason of the same, whiche came as well to the possession, of oure soueraigne Lorde the kyng that nowe is, as to the late kyng of famous memory, king Henry the eight, by reason of dissolucion, atteindour, or surrendour, and before the last daye of June next comming, vpon a repaiment, or lawful tender of the money, or other thyng taken, for the same for anye suche pencioner or pencioners, patent or patentes made to him or them, do not deliuer, to euerye suche pencioner and pencioners, patent and patentes aswell hys or theire saide patent and patentes, as all other writinge or writinges, made concerning the same pencion, That then the saide gifte, graunt, bargaine, and promyse, made of euery such pencyon and patent, and euerye of them shalbee voyde. And also that then, and from thencefoorthe, euery such pencioner and patent, shal haue and enioye the pencion, by him so geeuen, graunted, bargayned, solde, or promised, as though no suche gift, graunt, bargaine, sale, or promyse had been made, of his or their saide pencion, fee, or annuitie, notwithstãding any writinges made, sealed, or deliuered, betwene anye suche parties, concerning the same.

And for the more true and sure payment, of all, and euerye manner of

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persone and persones, of, and for their seuerall pencions, fees, and annuities, due & to be due, to them or to any of them out of the premisses, or any part or parcel thereof, or by reason of the same: Bee it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that if the receiuor or receiuors, or any of them their assignes, deputies, clerkes or seruaunts, or the assignes, deputies, clerkes, or seruantes, of any of them, hauing, or whiche shall haue to do with the paiment of any suche pencions, fees, and annuities, or, of anye part or parcell of them, do not at all, and euerye time and times, before the .x. day of June, and the feast of the Purification of our Lady, nexte immediatly ensuing, euery day and feast, specified in euery such graunt or patent, for the payment of the sayde pencyons, fees, and annuitpes, vpon a reasonable request therof made to the said receiuor or receiuors their assignes or deputies, assigne or deputie or to his or their clerkes, or seruauntes aboue saide, by any of the saide pencyoners, or grauntes or their seuerall deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or by the seuerall deputie, atturney, or assigne, of any suche pencioner and grauntee, well and truely pay, vnto the saide grauntes, and pencioners, their seueral deputies, atturneis, or assignes, their pencions, fees, and yerely annuities, to them graunted, and hereafter to bee graunted, during their seuerall liues, or otherwise, according to the tenor and effecte, of their seuerall graūtes, to euery of them made, & hereafter to be made, without anye further delay, not taking of the saide grauntes, pencioners, or of any of them, their deputies, attorneis, or assignes, for the paiment of anye of their saide pencions, fees, or annuities, or for the more speadye paiment therof to them, or any of them to be made, anye other, or more somme or sommes of money, or any other thing or profit, but onely for euery pound of euery suche pencion, fee, or annuitie to them payde. iiii. d. & for the acquitaunce of euery such party, truely payed of his saide pencion, fee, or annuitie, if the saide party, his deputy or deputies, bring and offre to deliuer none redy made. iiii. d. and not aboue: that then euery suche receiuor or receiuors, their deputie and deputies, clerkes and seruauntes as aforesaide, to whom, any suche reasonable request shalbe made, for the paiment of the same, as is aforesaid, for euery time, that the sayd officer or officers, or his or their deputye or deputies, or his or theire clerke or clerks, hauing to do with the office or offices of such receiuor, or officer, as is aforesaide, shal delay, or cause to be delayed, any the said graūtes or pencioners, of the payment of their pencions, fees, or annuities, or of anye parte thereof, after the .x. daye of June, and the feast of the Purificacion of our Lady, as is aforesayde, shall forfait for euery suche delaye. C. s. And that also, yf any Treasourer or Treasourers, receyuor or receyuors, officer or officers, or hys or their deputie or deputyes, or hys, or theire clerkes, or anye of them, as is aforefore saide, for euerye time that they, or any of them, do exact, & take of the saide pencioners, grauntes, or any of them, their deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or of the

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deputie, attorney, or assigne of anye of them, aboue the rates before declared, shall lose and forfeit, for euery time so exacting and taking, tenne times so muche, as they or any of them, shall so exact and take, or cause to be exacted and taken. All which forfaitures, shalbe to the partye, that shall finde him selfe greued, if he will sue and demaund the same, within seuen monethes, next after the saide forfaiture, in any of the kinges maiesties courtes, of his Benche, Common place, or Exchequer, by action of debte, by originall writte, bill, plainte, or informacion, in whiche suite no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, shalbe allowed or admitted, for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the kings Justices of Assise, and of Oyer and Determiner, in their seueral circuits and the Justices of peace in euery countie, within this realme of Englande and wales, at their generall Sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine all, and all maner of offences, hereafter to be done and committed, contrarye to the tenor of this acte, aswell by informacion, as by presentment of.xii. meme, and shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to awarde proceesse, vpon euery presentment, or informacion, had before them, or two of them: wherof the one to be of the Quorum, of all and euery offence & offences done and committed contrary to the tenor of this act, as in case vpon Inditement of trespas.

Prouyded alway that if anye suche pencioner, or grauntee, do not make request in proper persone, for payment of hys, or their saide pencion, or annuitie, as is aforesaide, but doth require the same, by his deputie, attorney, or assigne, that then yf suche deputie, attourney, or assygne do not bring with him a letter subscribed, with the hands of one Justice of the peace of the same shire, where the same pencioner or grauntee is dwelling, or els of the Surueior of the same shire, for the tyme beynge witnessing the same pencioner, or grauntee, to be then liuing, that then the saide receiuor, and all other officer and officers, their deputies clerkes, or seruantes, to whom, request by any deputy, attorney, or assigne, of any of suche pencioner, or grauntee, shalbe made, as is aforesaide, shall not be bound to pay, any such somme of money, to any deputy, attorney or assigne, of any suche pencioner or patent, by vertue of thys act, not for none payment therof, shall incurre the daunger, of anye payne or forfayture, before mencioned: Any matter or thinge before expressed to the cõtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwaye, and bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritye aforesaide, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteigned, shall not extende, to restraine anye suche receiuour or receiuours, or other officer or officers as is aforesaide: but they, and euery of thẽ, shall and maye paye or cause to be payd, to any of the said pencioners, patents, or grauntees their saide pencions, fees, and annuities quarterlye, accordinge to the

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tenor & effect, of their saide patentes or grauntees, as they haue heretofore done, any thing herein, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ The.viii. Chapiter.

¶ An act touching the finding of offices, before the Exchetour.

WHere manye and diuers persones, holdinge, or that haue holden, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments some for terme of yeres, and some by copie of court Rolle, haue ben expulsed, and put out of their termes and holdes, by reason of Inquisicions or offices founden before Exchetors, commissioners, & other, conteignning tenures of the kyng in Capite, entitlyng the kyng to the wardshyppe or custodie of suche landes or tenementes, and sometime entitlyng the king to the same, vpon attaindours of treason, felonye, or otherwise, by reason that suche leases for terme of yeres or interest by copie of court rolle, of suche persons haue not been found in suche inquisicions or offices: after whiche expulsion or putting oute, the saide persones haue beene without remedye, for the obteyninge of the sayde termes and holdes, durynge the kinges possession therin, and can haue no trauers, Monstrance de droit, ne other remedye for the same, because their saide interest, is but a chatell in the law, or customary holde, and no state of free holde. And also, where any person or persones, hath any rent, commen, office, fee, or other profit Apprendre, of any state of freholde, or for yeres, or otherwise out of such landes or tenementes, specified in suche offices, or inquisicions, the said rent, comen, office, fee, or profite, Apprendre, not founde in the same office or offices suche persones are in like maner without remdy, to obteine or haue, the saide rent, comon, office, fee, or profite, Apprendre, by any trauerse, or other spedy meane, without great and excesse charges, during the kings interest therein, by force of suche inquisicion or office.

¶ For remedy wherof, bee it enacted by aucthoritie of this present parliament, that where any suche office or inquisicions, is, or shalbee founden, omitting such titles, interestes, or matters, as is aforesaide, that in all suche eases, euery leasee, tenaunt for terme of yeres, or coppe holder and euery suche persone or persones, that haue or shal haue, any interest to any rent, comon, or profit, Apprendre, for terme of yeres, life, or otherwise, out of any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditaments conteined in suche office or inquisicion, where the kyng, his heires or successors, is or shalbe entitled, as is aforesaide, to any suche lands, tenements, or hereditaments, shall haue, holde, enioye, and perceiue, all and euery theire leasses, and interestes, for terme of yeares, or by copy of court roll rents commons, offices, fees, & profite, Apprendre, in such maner, forme, state, and condicion, as they and euery of them, shoulde, or might haue done, in case there had been no such office, or inquisicion founden, and as they shoulde, or lawfullye might, or ought to haue done, in case suche leasse interest,

interest by copy of court rolle, rent, commen, office, fee or profyt apprendre had ben founden in such office, or inquisition, anye lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, heretofore vsed in suche cases, in any wise notwithstanding. And also, where it is, or shalbe founden for the king, hys heires, or successors, that the heire or heires of his tenant, or tenauntes is or shalbe within age, where in dede suche heire or heires, is, or shalbe at the same time of full age, or of a more or greater age then is or shalbe conteined within such office.

Be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that in euery such case, such heire, and heires, shall and may at his or theire verye full age, or after persecute a writte of Ecate probanda, and sue his or their liuery, or Oustre le maine, as his or their cases shall lye, and haue the profits of his or their lands, tenements, or hereditaments, from the time of his or their very full age, any such vntrue office or inquisitiõ, or any law or custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Also, where one psõ or moe, is or shalbe founden heire to the kings tenant, by office or inquisition, where any other person is, or shalbe heire, or if one person or moe, be or shalbe founden heire by office, or inquisicion, in one county, & another person or persons is or shalbe founde heire to the same persone in another countie, or if any pson be, or shalbe vntruely founden lunatique, Ideot or dead: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persons, greued, or to be greued by any such office or inquisitiõ, shall & may haue his or their trauers to the same, immediately, or after, at his or their pleasure, & proceede to trial therein, and haue like remedy and aduauntage as in other cases of trauers vpon vntrue inquisicions or offices founden, any lawe, vsage or custome to the contrary in anye wise notwithstanding. Also where it is or shall be hereafter vntruely founden by office or inquisicion, that any person or persons attainted, or that shalbe attainted of treason, felony, or premunire, is, or shalbe seased of any landes, tenements, or hereditamentes, at any time of such treason, felony or offece, committed or done, or any time after, wherunto any other person or persons hath, or shal haue, any iust titie or inteteste of any estate of free hold, that then in euery such case, euery person & persons greued therby, shall haue his or their trauers, or Monstraunce de droit to the same, without being driuen to any petition of right, and like remedy and restitucion vpon his or their title, found, or iudged for him or them therin as hath bene accustomed and vsed, in other cases of trauers, although the Kinges Maiestie, his heires or successours, be, or shalbe, in such case entitled to any such landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, by double matter of Record, any lawe, custome or vsage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that where any inquisicion or office, is or shall be founden by these wordes, or lyke.

Quod de quo vel de quibus, tenementa predicta tenentur iuraf predict. ignorant, or els foundē holdē of the king, Per quē seruic. ignorāt, or such like that in such case, such Tenure so vncertenly founden, De quo vel de quibus tenementa predict. tenentur ignorant, shall not be taken for any immediate tenure of the king, nor such tenure so foundē of the king. Per que seruic. ignorant, shal not be taken any Tenure in Capite, but in such cases, a melius inquirendum, to bee awarded as hath bene accustomed in old time, any vsage of latter time to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that where it is or shalbe founden by any office, or inquisition, that any Landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, are, or shalbe discended, remained, or comen to any heire within age, and in the kinges warde, or that ought to be in the kinges warde, and that suche Landes, Tenementes or Hereditamentes, are holden of the king immediately where in dede the same are or shalbe holden of some other common person, and not of the King immediately: that in such case such Heire or Heires, shall and maye haue their trauerse to the same within age, and like remedye and restitution vppon his or their title, founden or iudged for him or them therein, as hath bene accustomed and vsed in other cases of trauerses, anye lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng. Also where the Kinges Maiestie by his Prerogatiue, ought to haue as wel such Landes and tenementes as be holden of other persons, as holden of himselfe immediately, whereof his tenaunt holding of him in chiefe, dyeth seised his Heire beyng within age, vntill suche time as liuerye be sued by such heire, and that the meane Lordes, or whom the said other Landes and tenementes of suche heire be holden, vsed to spare ye rents due to them for the same landes or tenementes holden of them, duryng the kinges possession. And when such heire hath sued, his or their liuery they vse by distresse, or otherwise to compell the sayde Heire to paye to them the arrerages of suche rentes, for suche tyme as the sayd Landes or tenementes, were in the kinges possession by suche minoritie, where they shoulde haue sued by peticion to the Kinges Maiestie to haue obteyned the same out of the kinges handes, if they would haue the same which is to the great detriment, losse, and hinderance of such heyre and heires: For redresse wherof, be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parlament, that from henceforth such meane Lordes duryng such minoritie shall haue, receiue and take the saide rentes, by the handes of such the kinges Officers as shalbe appointed to haue receyue and take the issues, reuenues, and profites of the same landes and tenements so holden of such meane Lordes, during the minoritie and nonage of such Heire and Heires, and vntill such Heire and Heires sue his or their liuerye, and that suche Heire and Heires vntill suche time as he or they shall haue sued their liuery, or might conueniently haue sued their liuery shalbe thereof clerely discharged. And that suche Officer or Officers

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shall vpon request made, pay the same, to suche meane Lordes (they geuing to such officer and officers, a sufficient acquitaunce, or acquitaunces, for the receipt of the same.) And that suche payment thereof made, with acquitance, or acquitaunces there of shewed, shalbee to suche officers a sufficient discharge against the kinges maiestie, and his heires, vpon his or their accompte in that behalfe, any lawe, vsage or custome heretofore had, or vsed to the contrarye hereof in anye wyse notwythstandinge.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in any wise extend to any inquisicion or office, taken or founden at any time before the .xx. daye of Marche nert comming, nor to hinder, preiudice, or take away ỹ title interest, or possession of our souereigne lorde the kyng, or of anye other pson or persons, growen, or commen by vertue, meane or occasiõ of any inquisicion or office takẽ or founde, before the same day, but that as wel our said soueraigne Lorde the kinge, as all other personne or persones, hauing any title interest, or possession, by vertue, mean or occasiõ of any inquisicion or office founde before the same day shall, & may haue, hold, and enioy the same in like maner and fourme, as though this acte had neuer ben had, or made, any thing in the same act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that in all suche cases as any person or persones shalbe enabled by this acte to haue any trauerse, and shall pursue his or their trauerse, that then he, or they that shall pursue suche trauerse, shall sue one writte, or seuerall writtes of Scire facias (as the case shall require) agaynste all synguler suche persone and persones as shall haue interest by the kyng, or by his patent or patentes, in like maner and fourme as is requisite, vppon trauerses, or petitions heretofore pursued. And that in euerye such scire facias, the patentes, or other defendauntes shall haue like plees, and aduauntage as they had in any Scire facias, before this time awarded agaynst any patent in any case of petition. And also, that vpon euery trauerse that shalbee pursued by vertue or meane of this acte in suche case as the partie or parties that shall pursue anye suche trauerse shoulde by the order of the common lawes of this Realme, haue been put to sue by petition to the king, there shalbe two writtes of searche graunted in maner and fourme, as like writtes haue been graunted vpon petitions made to the kyng.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aboueseyde, that if after any iudgement shalbee geuen vpon any trauerse, that shall bee tended, or sued by vertue or meane of this acte, it shall appeare by anie matter of Recorde, that the kinge hath any other former title, ryghte, or interest to the manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Heredytamentes mencioned in the same trauerse, that then the same title, ryght,

and interest shalbe saued to the king, the said trauerse & indgement thet upon geuen, in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The ix. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the true corying of Leather.

ALbeit diuers good and wholsome lawes & statutes haue bene heretofore made, and deuised for the true tanning, coriyng and working of lether yet throughe the couetise of tanners in ouerhasting their worke by diuers subtile and crafty meanes, by negligence of ye Searchers, and Collusion of the Coriers, that by diuers such estatutes, were authorised to try the sayde Lether, and by the sleight workemanship of the Cordwainers ye kinges Subiectes, are not onely in their goodes, but also in the health of their bodies, much endamaged by occasion of euill shoes, and Bootes made of euill lether: Therfore as the malice of man encreaseth to defraud the entent of good lawez, so lawes must rise against such guile, with ye more seueritie day by day, for the due represse of the same. Be it therfore enacted, by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the actes made in the xix. yeare of the late king of famous memory Henry the vii. and in the xxiiii. yeare of the most notable and victorious king Henry the viii. and all other Actes and statutes heretofore made concernyng tanners, Coriers and Cordewayners shall stande in their force and effect, according to the tenour of the same in all thinges not altered nor repealed heretofore.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no person occupying the feate or misterie of a corier, cordwainer, cobler, Sadler, Girdler, Letherseller, Bottlemaker, or any other artificer, shall from & after the feast of Mighelmas next cōming, sell, or cause to be sold or put to sale any backes or hides of any english kinde of tanned Leather vnwrought, or in such kind as he shal buy the same (Calues skins only except) vpon paine of forfeiting for euery hide, backe or parcell of lether ye he shall so sell contrary to this statute x. shillings.

And be it further enacted, that no person other then such as shall occupy the feates or mysterie of a Corier, shall put to sale any maner Lether coried or blacked, beyng vnwrought, vncut, vpon peine of forfeiture of the Lether so sold.

And be it further enacted, that no persone or personnes, which occupieth the mysterie or occupation of Cordewayners, shall after the sayd feast, make, or cause to bee made any Bootes, shoes, stertuppes, or slippers of Lether, but suche as shal be made of good and sufficient tanned Leather, and well and truely coried after this rate and sorte, that is to witte, wette lether, as that which shoulde holde out wette: and dry le-

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there, as it behoued such to be: And that the sayd Cordewayners and euery of them shal put in thinner sole of the sayd doble soled shoes, bootes, startups & slippers, lether called the wombe, well and sufficientlye cozied, and in the treswels of the double soled shoes, the flanke of ẏ hide oz skin sufficiently cozied.

And be it further enacted by authozitie afozesayde, foz the true execution hereof, that the Mayoz of the Citie of London, and the Aldermen of the same, foz the time being, shal yerely apoint foure Serchers, and one ouerseer oz moe, by his oz their discrecion, to be swozn befoze ẏ said Maioz and Aldermen foz the time being, to do their office truely, which shal by vertue of this acte, foure times in the yere at the least: ẏ is to say: once euery quarter, and oftener if neede require, make true search and view in all and euery house and houses, place and places, as well within the said Citie and the suburbes therof, as in euerye other place within iii. miles compasse of the sayd Citie, where any Tanner, Cozier, Shomaker oz Cobler doth, oz shall dwell and occuppe anye of the said occupations, foz al & euery bootes, startuppes, shoes and other thinges appertaining to the craft oz mysterie of Shoemakers oz Coblers, made oz wzought contrary to the purpozte of this Statut, and also foz all maner of Lether and other thing apperteining to the craste oz occupation of Cozziers and Tanners, not well and sufficiently cozied & tanned, accozding to the meaning of this acte. And ẏ al other Mayozs, Bailifes, and other head officers, in all other Cities, Bozoughes, and Market townes of this Realme, out of the circuite, and compasse of ẏ said iii. miles, shall vpon payne of xx. pound euery yeare that they make default herein, appoinct & sweare yerely ii. iii. oz mo persons of the best skilled men within their officers, by their discrecion to search and view within the precinct their Cities, Bozoughes, and Townes, which shal foure times in the yeare at the least, that is to witte, once euerye quarter of a yeare, make like searche within their limittes, and shall haue a marke oz seale prepared foz that purpose, as is aboue limitted, to bee in London and the suburbes of the same. And that the same searchers oz one of them shall themselues kepe the sayde seale oz marke, and with ẏ same shall seale oz marke Lether as they shall finde sufficient, the same Searchers to haue foz their labour, accozding as is limitted in the statute made foz due serche, triall, and marking of the leather, in the xxiiii. of king Henry the eight.

Prouided alwaies, that no leather being once searched and sealed oz marked as befoze sayd, shall be charged againe with any other seale oz searche. And if the said Serchers oz any of them, do finde any lether solde, oz offered to be solde, oz brought to be searched, oz marked insufficiently tanned, oz any lether not sufficiently cozied, oz any stuffe made of such lether, it shalbe leful foz the said Serchers, oz any of them, to seaze the same lether and stuffe, made of Lether, as forfeyted, and to reteyne

the same in their custody, till the same be tried before the Maior, Baylifes, and other hed officers of euery Citie, Borough, or Towne where such seazure shall happen to be made, the same triall to be made by syxe expert men at thappointment of the sayd head officers, and two of the aldermen of the said cities, boroughes, and townes, vppon the othes of the sayd Triers.

And also be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that if any person will wilfully withstande or deny any such search to be made according to the tenure of this acte as is aforesayd, or will not suffer the said Searchers so sworne and appointed to search, to enter into his or their house or houses, or other placez, where such euil made shoes, botes and other the premisses, or any lether, deceiptfully and falsly tanned, or cozied, is or shalbe suspected or knowen to be, that then euery such person or persons, so denying and withstanding, and not suffering the sayd searchers so sworne and appointed for the time being, to enter & make searche, shall lose and forfeit, for euery time so denying & withstanding, v. pound.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if the persons so to be assigned for the searche as is aforesayde, will dos, or make default in their Searche, and not search iiii. tymes of the yere, as is aforesayd, except they be letted by some lawfull impediment, or do allow or seale, or cause to be sealed any Lether or stuffe, vnsufficiently tanned cozied, or wrought, or do conceale any faults found in their search, that they and euery of them that shall make default in search, or allow that is vnsufficient, or conceale defaultes founden, shall forfeit and lose, v. li. for euery such default, allowaunce or concealment, wittingly done, and so proued sufficiently against them.

Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lawful to euery Cordwainer or shomaker not only within the saide citie of London, but els where within this realme of England, to make al maner of shoes, botes, slippers, and other necessaries for Dukes, Erles, Lordes, knights, ladies, Esquires Gentlemen, and Gentlewemen of such lether, and other thinges apperteining to their facultie, as their plesure is to haue them made for their money, and to all other persons as they shall bespeake them.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that they ne any of them shal put to sale any shoes or bootes of dry lether betwene the last day of September, and the first day of May, but to such persons as shal so bespeake them.

And forasmuch as by carying and conueighing of lether ouer the sea, leather is growen now in such vnreasonable price, that the commōs of this realme cānot now haue for xii. pence, that they might in times past haue had for viii. pence. Be it therfore enacted by thautoritie aforesayd that all and euery person and persons, that from and after the first day of June next comming, shall ship any backe, or hides or other lether, or

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hides tanned or vntãned into the parties of beyond the sea, shal pay for euery dicquer of lether, called backes or hides, or other lether, or rawe hides treble custome.

Prouided alwayes that this act shal not extend to any licence alredy graunted, for carying or conueying any lether ouer the sea, but that euery person which hath alredy obteined any such licence, may ship and cary the same, paying such customes as they might before the makyng of this acte. And that no Shomaker, Cozier, or other person, to hys or their owne vse, (except tanners) shall buy any hide in the here vntãned to put the same to tanning, vpon paine to forfeit for euery such hide, vi. s. viii. pence.

And be it further enacted, that euery tanner from hencefoorth shall cut euery wombe of euery Ore hide, vi. inches broode, of euery Stere hide v. inches broode, & of euery Cowhide viii. inches broode of assise, in the narowest place, the which Ore hide, Stere hide, or Cow hide, that shalbe tanned for and in the kinde of sole lether, vpon paine of forfeiture, for euery wombe cut lesse then so many inches broode of assise, as is aboue apointed. iii. s. iiii. d. And that no maner of tanner shall cut any hide for a back, but such as shalbe sufficient and wel lethered, vpon paine of forfeiture of the same backe or backes, not being sufficient and wel lethered. And that no Cozier which shall occupy the occupation of cozying, shall hereafter refuse to cozy any lether brought vnto him red, by any Cordwainer or other artificer that occupieth any tanned Lether in his occupation, to thentẽt to be cozied vpõ reasonable agremẽt for his paines, the same to be deliuered well and sufficiently cozied to thowner thereof, wt in xxiiii. daies, al which forfeitures of summes of mony aforesaid, shalbe deuided into thre equal partes, one part therof shalbe to ẏ vse of our souereigne Lord the king, and an other part to him or them, that shall sue for the same, and the third part therof shalbe to the vse of the citie, Borough or towne, where the offence shalbe committed & done.

And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lawful for euery mã to sue for the same forfeitures of summes of mony, in any Courte or Courtes of Record, by Bill, plaint, action of debt, informacion or otherwyse: In which sute no Essoine, Wager of law or protection shall bee admitted or allowed. And all such bootes, shoes, and lether as shall be found vnsufficiently wrought, tanned or cozied and declared by this acte to bee forfeited, shall be sealed by the sayd Searchers, or any other person finding the faulte thereof and the same stuffe forfeited, shall be distributed as hereafter ensueth, that is to say, such stuffe so sealed, within the sayd Citie of London, or within three myles compasse of the same, to bee brought to the Guild Hall in London, there to bee deuided into three partes; whereof one parte to be to the first seasor of the sayd vnlawfull stuffe, and the other two partes to bee distributed to the poore folkes, aswel beyng within the new hospitall of S. Bartholomew in London

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as to suche poore householders, as shall be inhabiting within the City of London, or the circuite aforesayd at the discretion of suche persones as the Maior of the said citie and iiii. Aldermen of the same, for the tyme beyng, shall appoint for the same. And that all such bootes, shooes, and lether, as shall be found within their Citie, Borroughe, Towne, within this realme, out of the said iiii. miles compasse, vnsufficiently wrought, tanned or cored, as is aforesaid, shalbe seazed and taken as forfaited, & brought to the common hall of euery such Citie, Borough, or towne and other conuenient and open place, and two partes thereof to be disposed to the poore, & in other dedes of Charitie in those partes, after the discretion of the Mayors, Bailifes, Hedborroughs, and ii. other Aldermē of the same Citie, Borough, or towne. And where no such officers be, then the same to be done by a Justice of Peace, next adioining, and by the Constables of the towne or village, where such seazure is, or shalbe made, & the said searchers, or first seazor to haue the third part of suche forfeiture for their paine.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted, that no such vnlawfull leather so forfeited, be conuerted to any bootes or shoes, to be put to sale againe, vpon paine þ euery person that so shal conuert the same, to forfeit þ same stuffe, & vi.s. viii.d. ouer for euery time so doing and offending.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lefull to all Corduainers, Shomakers and Coblers, aboue mencioned, for the better auoiding of the paine abouesaide, on them appointed, in case they should make or sel any bootes or shoes of lether not sufficiently cored, from henceforth to cozy and dresse by their selues or their seruantes, all such lether as they or any of them shall conuert into bootes, slippers, or other thinges apperteining to the misteri of corduweiners or coblers, & none other the statute in the xix. yere of the kinge of famous memorie Henry the viii. heretofore made to þ cōtrary hereof notwithstanding. And for the better execuciō of this present acte, be it enacted that all Justices of Assise, iustices of Gaole deliuerie, Justices of Peace, and stewards of franchises, letes and law daies, within their seuerall precinct, & maiors of London for the tyme being within þ sayd iii. miles, and al other maiors, bailifes and other hed officers of Cities, Borroughes and townes within their seuerall precincte out of þ sayde circuite & compasse of iii. miles shall enquire of all the premisses in their sessions, lete, or law day, and heare and determine the same, and also by their discrecions examine all persons supposed to offend this acte, or any part therof.

Prouided alwayes & be it enacted, that the Girdlers of this realme may sell their neckes, wombes, and shreddes of tanned lether to anye person or persones, without any forfeite, paine or penaltie to be yelded for the same, any thing conteined in the same, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lawfull for all maner of Shomakers, coblers, sadlers, Girdlers, Bogedmakers, and all other artificers vsing lether in their arte, to buy all kinde of tanned leather, beyng first sealed as aforesaid, to be conuerted to any thing belonging only to their occupation, at Leaden hall in London, vpon euery Mōday in the yere, though neither the buyer nor seller be free of the said citie of Lōdon without encurring any penaltie or danger for the same, any thing in this act conteined, or any other thing or thinges, to the cōtrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also ỳ no person nor persons, shalbe molested, sued, or vexed for any forfeiture or penaltie compriſed within this acte, except the suite therof be commēded within one yere after the offence committed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted that this Act, or any thing therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any Lord or Lordes, person or persons, bodies politike and corporat or any of them, their heires or successours, or the heires or successoures of any of them, touching any Faire or market, seale, Searche, Libertie, franchise, priuilege, profite, commoditie, forfeiture, fines, or emolument which they or any of them haue or ought to haue by any lawful interest or title, before the commencement and beginning of this present Parliament, but that they and euery of them may, and shall haue, enioy, perceiue, take and kepe, all & singuler their Faires, markets, seale, serches, liberties, franchises, profites, commodities, forfeitures, and fines, rising comming, and growing by reason of this act, any clause, article, or sentence in this present acte or statute, to the contrary notwithstandyng. This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parlament.

The xvi. Chapter.

¶An Acte for the true makyng of Maulte.

Where diuers and sundry persones taking vpon them the arte & mistery of Maltmaking, and sundry other persōs, tending more their owne priuate lucre, gaine & profite, then the wholsome vitailing of the kinges Maiesty, the Nobilitie of this realme, and other his graces Subiectes, haue now of late by their vnsatiable couetous and gredy mindes, accustomably & cōmōly made much malt, vnpure & vnseasonable, for ỳ thei haue made the same malt in eight or nine daies, where in dede the same cānot be wel & perfectly made, vnles it haue the time & space of xii. dayes in the making therof. And where also diuers and sundry of the said makers of mault, com-

commonly haue and do slackly and deceiptfully dry the Maulte, so by them made for that they would haue an inordinate increase therof, by the swelling of the said Mault, wherby the same Mault not being sufficiētly dryed, cannot be kept any long time or space, but it wil be musty and full of Weuels, whereby no wholsome drinke for mans body, can by any meanes be thereof made, which is not onely to the great peril & danger of the nobilitie, and other the kinges highnes Subiects with in this realme, & also to the great losse and decay of the commō wealth of the same, but also an vtter impouerishment of the Brewers of thys said realme, for that the said Brewers (ouer and besides the vnwholsomnesse of the drinke, which is commonly made therof) cannot make so much drinke of fiftie quarters of Maulte, beyng so euill dryed and made as they might, and can make of foretye quarters, beyng well and truely made. And also forasmuch as diuers and sundry persones minding and seeking their owne priuate and excessiue gaine and profit, forgetting therby their duetie, and the order or charitie towardes the cōmon wealth and their neighbours in this behalfe, doe commonly vse to put and mixt good Mault, and euill Mault togither, and after put the same Mault to sale, as good Mault, whereby many of the kinges Subiectes haue bene and are like to bee very often deceiued to their great losse and hinderance, contrary to the honest, semely, & godly buying, selling, and commutaciō that should and ought to be amongs christen people, specially in things concerning the sustentacion & sustenance of mans body.

For remedy wherof, it may please the Kynges Maiestie, with the aduise of hys Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it may bee established, and enacted by the authoritie of the same, that no such person or persons at any tyme after the first day of Marche, next comming shall make anye Barley Mault, (the Monethes of June, Julye and Auguste onelye excepte): But that the same shall haue in makyng thereof, that is to saye, in the fat, flowre, steeping, and sufficient dryng of the sayd Malt, three Weekes at the least, and that no such persone or persones at any tyme within the sayde Monethes of June, Julye, and August, shall make any Barley Mault: Except the same haue in the fat, flowre, steeping, and sufficient dryng the tyme and space of xvii. dayes at the least vnder and without which tyme and times, the sayd Mault cannot bee well and perfitely made, nor wholsome for mans bodye: vpon paine to forfaite and lose for euery quarter of Mault which shall be made by any persone or persones, contrary to the Tenour, Purporte, and true meaning of this Acte, two shillynges. And bee it further enacted by authoritye aforesayde, that no persone or persones, after the fyrste of Marche next comming, shall mingle, or put together any Maulte, not being wel and sufficiently made or being made of Mowburnt, or spired

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barley with other good Malt, & after put ẏ same so mingled to sale vpō payn to forfait and lose for euerye quarter so mingled & put to sale, two shyllinges.

And be it also further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that if anye persone or persons after the last day of January next comming, shal put to sale any Malt, which shal not bee sufficiently and wel troden, rubbed & well fanned, whereby there maye bee conueniently fanned out of one quarter thereof halfe a peck of dust or more, that then the person, so putting the same to sale, shal forfeit & lose for euery quarter so put to sale. xx pence. The moity of al which forfeitures to be to ẏ king our souereigne Lord, and the other moity therof to the party that will sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion, in any of the kings courts wherein no protection, wager of lawe nor essoigne, nor iniunction shalbe admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by ẏ aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of peace in euery of theire Sessions, and also the stewarde in euery lete shal haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine, aswel by presentment of. xii. men, as by accusacion or informacion of two honest witnesses, of, for, and vppon all and euery the offences and forfeitures aforesaide, aswell for the kinge, as for the partye that shall sue, procure, or cause the same to be presented, as is beforesaide. And that the Bayllifes, and constables of euerye Borowe, or market towne, or other towne where any suche malte shalbe made, or put to sale, shall haue full power & aucthoritie from tyme to time, to vyewe, searche, & suruey all such malte as shalbe made or put to sale, wythin any of the said townes. And if any of them shall thereupon finde any malte so put to sale, being euill made, or myngled with euill malte contrary to the tenour and true meaning of this present acte: That thē the sayd Bayllife or Constable, so finding any such malt euill made, or mingled as is beforesaid, with the aduise of one Justice of peace, within the same shire, shall cause the same to be solde to such person or persons and at suche reasonable price or prices, and vnder the common price of the market, as to his discrecion shal seeme necessary and expedient.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to charge, or be, to the making of malte, for any mans owne prouision for his owne house or familie, neither preiudiciall to any person or persones for, or cōcerning any of the offences or forfeitures aforesaide: Except he or they so offending, shall happen to be sued, presented, and accused for the same in maner & fourme aforesaid, within one yere next after any such offēce or offences to be done or committed, any thing in this present act to the contrary not withstanding. This present act to continue vntill thend of the next parlement.

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¶ *The xi. Chapiter.*

¶ An acte for true tanning of Leather.

WHere before this tyme diuers good Estatutes haue bene made for the true tanning of lether, wherin cõsisteth a great common wealth and cõmoditie to all men, for that euery sorte of people of necessitie must vse, and haue lether for diuers and sundry purposes: for lacke of true tanning whereof, euery man is not onely put to great losse and charge, but also by the naughtines thereof dothe take diuers and sundrye diseases to the shortning of their lyues, and yet notwithstandyng the sayd good estatutes in that case prouided, it is manifest to all persons, that there was neuer worse lether vsed or made with in this Realme, then hath lately bene and now is vsed and made within the same. The chiefe cause wherof commeth by reason of the euill and deceiptfull tanning of the same Lether. For albeit the Cozier, and also the shomaker or other artificer do his or their diligẽce neuer so wel, yet nothig made therwith can be good, perfite, or profitable, as it ought or should be the lether not beyng wel and sufficiently tamed, thoccasion of the naughty tanning, wherof groweth much by the greedinesse of the gayne of the tanner, for that they couet to set forth the same to sale with more spede, and shorter time, then it can be wel and perfitely tamed, and haue hys due time requisite and necessarie for the true tanning of the same. For where as in times past, the hides of lether wer wont to lye in the tanne fats by the space of one yere, or fiue quarters of the yere, before it was taken out of the same fattes, or put to sale, now for the spedy vtterance and tanning thereof, they haue inuented diuers and sundry deceitfull and crafty meanes to haue the same lether tanned, sometyme in three wekes, and somtime in one month or sixe wekes at the most, as by craft of ouer lyming therof in their lime pits, or otherwise by laying thereof in their fattes, set in their old tanne hilles, where it shalbe tanned with the hote ozis, taking vnkynd heate in the same hill, & sometime by putting of sething hote liere with their ozis into their tanne fats, where ỳ same hides or lether lye, which they most commonly do practise in the night time, and by diuers and many other such craftie and subtile meanes, wherby they make lether to seme to them that haue not the knouledge or skil therof, to be as wel and sufficiently tanned, within ỳ space of three wekes or a month, or sixe wekes at the most, as if it had lyen in the fattes vntill it had the full tyme requisite, for the true tanning of the same, whiche should haue bene at the least, by the space of three quarters of a yeare. For remedye whereof, and to the entente that Lether may hereafter bee sufficiently and truely tãned, and haue his full

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kind & perfection, as is requisite for the same, be it enacted by the kinge our soureeigne lord, with the assent of the lordes and commons in this present parlement assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that all actes heretofore made concerning the true tanning of Leather, not being yet repeled, shall stand in their full strength and force, and be put in due execucion. And furthermore, that no persone or persones occupying, or that hereafter shall occuppe, the mistery or craft of a Tanner, shall after the first day of May next coming put any Tanned Leather to sale, (Calues skinnes onely except) tanned or mixed with Ashen barke. Tap worth mele, Ashes or Culuer dung. And that the same leather, so put to sale, hath lien in the Tāne Ozis, wel and sufficiently wrought & chaunged by the space of thre quarters of one yere at the least, vpon pain that euery such persone or persons, putting any tanned leather to sale tāned, contrary the feurme of this estatute, shall forfeit the same leather so put to sale, & further for euery hide thereof, sixe shillinges & eight pence. And that it shallbe lefull to euery persone or persones, to seaze the same lether so put to sale, contrary to this acte, as forfait. And he that shall so seaze the same Leather, shall haue the one halfe of the same lether so seazed, & the king the other halfe, and that he that wil sue for the same forfeyture of vi.s.viii.d. for euery of the same hides so forfaite, as for the saied lether so forfaited as is aforsaied, by waye of information, bill, plaint or accion of debte in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine or protectiō shalbe allowed, shal haue the one halfe, and the king the other halfe.

And be it further enacted, by the authoritie aforesaide, that after and from the saide first day of May next commyng, no persone or persones, shall ouerlime, or ouerburne with lime, any Hides in their limepits, nor shal set any their fattes in tanne hilles, or other places where the Ozis or leather that shalbe put to tanne in the same, shal or may take any vnkinde heates, or shall put any hote licour, or hote Ozis into their fattes wherein any hides or leather shalbe put to tanning, or shall practise any other deceiptful waies or meanes, for the ouerspedy tanning of any hides or leather, or whereby any hides or leather shalbe burnt, skalded, or marred in the tanning thereof, vpon the paines & penalties aforesaide. And that it shalbe lawfull, to, & for, the Justices of ỳ peace, for the time being, and to euery persone and persones, hauing aucthoritie by the lawes and estatutes of this realme, to searche, view, and marke tanned leather, to enter at all reasonable times & times, into the tanne houses, of any persone and persones, vsing and exercising the mistery or craft of tanning of leather, and to searche their tanne fattes, that stande or be in their tanne houses or other places. And if any suche Justice or searcher shall finde or perceiue hydes or leather, put in anye such fatte or fattes, set in their tanne hylles, otherwyse deceiptfully tanned, or ouerlymed, or burnte with lyme, or tanned contrarye to thys estatute: that then

it shalbe lefull to euery suche Justice & searcher or searchers, so findinge the same, to seaze the same Hides & Lether, & to take ẏ one moyty therof to thuse of our said soueraigne lord the king, & the other moyty therof to his owne vse, & in case he cannot seaze, & haue the same by way of seasure, that then the same Justice & searcher, or any of them, maye sue for the same, or the value thereof, in any of the kinges courtes of record by informacion, bill, plaint, or action of debt or Detinue, wherein no essoygne, wager of law, or protection shalbe allowed, & the king to haue ẏ one halfe of the said forfaitures, & the party that so sueth, thother halfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no persone or persons, occuppying, or that shal hereafter occupy, or exercise the craft or mistery of tanners, shal cut any hide or hides, of Stere or Cowe, for cloute Lether, or to make any clout Lether therof: but that they & euery of them shall sell & vtter, all & euery their hides of Cowe and Stere whole & vncut, vpon paine & forfaiture of the losse of the same hides, so cut, & .vi.s.viii.d. for euery hide so cut and that euery persone & persons that will seaze the same Lether, or sue for the same forfaitures, as is before limitted, for the penalties aforesaid, shal haue the one halfe therof, and the king the other halfe.

And be it enacted by the saide authoritie, that no person or persones, shall after the saide first day of May, tanne any maner of felles, or shepe skinnes, or put to sale, vpon pain of forfaiture of the same skinnes, & .vi.s.viii.d. for euery sheepe skinne so tanned or solde, the one halfe thereof to be to the king, & the other halfe thereof, to be to him that wil seaze or sue for ẏ same by any of ẏ ways or meanes aforesaid. This act to ēdure to the ende of the next parlement.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that this prēsēt act, or any thing therin conteined shall not in any wise extend to be preiudiciall or hurtful to any lord or lordes person or persones bodies politique and corporate or any of them, their heyres or successours, or the heires or successours of any of them touching any fayre or Market, seale, searche, libertie, fraūchise, priuilege, profite, cōmoditie, forfaiture, fines, or emolument, which they or any of them, haue or ought to haue by any lawful interest, or title before the commencement and beginning, of this present parlement: but that they & euery of them may & shal haue, enioye, perceiue, take & kepe all & singuler their faires, markets, seale, searchers, liberties, fraūchises, profits, commodities, forfaitures, & fines, rising, comming, & growing, by reason of this act, any clause, article, or sentence in this present act or statute, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: This act to endure vnto the end of the next parlement.

¶ The.xii. Chapiter.

¶ An act for the assurance to the Tenauntes of grauntes and leases made of the Duke of Somersets demeane landes.

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WHere as ẏ right excellēt Prince Edward duke of Somerset, hath hertofore ordeined, cōstituted & made, diuers persons to be stewards & surueiours, of diuers & sundry his honours, manours, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, by his sufficient wryting, or wrytings in the law, signed and sealed by the said Duke, & hereafter may at his wil & pleasure, ordeyne cōstitute, and make diuers and sundry stewardes & surueyours, of any his honours, manours, landes, tenements, or hereditamēts, which the said stewards & surueyors, heretofore so constituted & made, or such & as many of thē, as by any suche writing of the saide Duke were appointed or aucthorised to make leases or grauntes, of anye the landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, of the said Duke: haue according vnto the tenour and effect of their said commission, & wrytinges graunted and made, for, and in ẏ behalfe of the saide Duke, many demises, leases, & graūtes for terme of life or liues, of diuers parcels of ẏ honors, manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, being parcel of the possessions of the saide Duke, which be, or haue been commonly called or knowen, by the name of demeane lands, Barton lands, ouer lands, or borde landes, or by any other name or names, by copy of court rolle or ẏ Honor or manor wherein, or nere vnto ẏ which honor or manour, the same landes, tenemēts, or hereditameuts, so graūted or lettē, are, to be, for & during such and those estates, and termes for lyfe or liues, as beene rehearsed, limitted and appointed, by and in the copies of court rolle, to them seuerally thereof had and made, and according vnto the customes of the honors, or manours, wherin, or nere vnto which, the saide lands, tenements, or hereditaments, so letten or graunted, are, or be in like maner, fourme, & condicion, & with like and the same customes, vsages, and liberties, benefites, commodities, & pryuileges, as the auncyent and customarye tenementes, and copiholders of the olde customary and copihold lands of the said honour, or manour, where such demene landes, or Barton landes, or other the saide landes, are lying or being, or whereof any of the saide meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes bee, or haue ben accompted, lettē, or reputed, for, or as a part or parcel, haue vsed, do or ought to do, by the customes and vsages of the said honour, or manor wheras of trouth no custome or vsage, can or may, by the lawes of this realme, be annexed or knitte to any meases, lands, tenementes, or hereditaments, letten, nor to be letten, by copy of court roll, to any person or persons, albeit those wordes, secundum consuetudinē manerij, be rehersed & expressed in the said court rolle, or copy therof, had, or made, except that ẏ same meases, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, so lettē, be olde customary or copyhold landes, & haue been vsed by all the tyme wherof memory of man is not to the cōtrary, to be letten, or demised, by copy of court rolle, or otherwise at the will of the lorde, accordinge vnto the custome of the said honour or manour: and for that cause, suche and

thoſe leaſes, demiſes, & grauntes made, or to be made, for terme of lyfe or liues, by copy of court rolle of demeane, or Barton lands, or other the ſaid landes, and not being old cuſtomary or copyhold lands nor hauing any liuery, or ſeaſō of ẏ ſame, been by the lawes of this realme of no better force, then leaſes made, or to be made, onely for, and during the wyll & pleaſure of the leſſours and grauntours therof, at, and by the commō lawe: by reaſon wherof, diuers of thoſe perſons, to whom any ſuch leaſes or graūtes, by copy of court roll be, or haue ben had & made, or hereafter ſhalbe had, or made, of, or in any ſuch meaſes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamēts, may be hereafter, by ſome of the heires or aſſignes of ẏ ſaid Duke, or by any other, which ſhal or may haue anye eſtate therin, by, or frō ſome of them, or vnder the title of ſome of thē, expulſed & put out of the ſaid meaſes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, cōmonly called demeanes, or Barton landes, or other the ſaid landes ſo taken or to be taken, as is aforeſaide, contrary to equitie & conſcience, & cōtrary to the true meaning of the ſaid Duke, & to the great impoueriſhment of thoſe perſons, that ſo haue taken, or ſhal take any of ẏ ſame by copy of court roll: for remedy whereof, & for the relief, ayde, & better ſuertie of ſuch perſones, as haue taken, or had, or hereafter ſhal take, or haue, any leaſes or graūtes, by copy of court roll, accordīg vnto ẏ cuſtome of any honor or maner, which is, hath been, or ſhalbe parcel of the poſſeſſions of the ſaid duke: the ſaid duke of his charitable mynde, & accuſtomed goodnes, humbly beſeecheth the kings moſt excellēt maieſtye the lords & commons in this preſent parlement aſſembled, that it maye be ordeined & enacted by aucthoritie of parlement, in manner & fourme folowing (that is to ſay) that all leaſes, & grauntes, had, made, or graūted, or hereafter to be had, made, or graunted, by copy of court rolle, for terme of life, or liues, not exceding .iii. liues at the moſt, of any meaſe or meaſes, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, reuerſions, or other hereditaments, called demeane landes, or Barton lands, or by anye other name or names, parcell of the poſſeſſions of the ſaid duke, & graunted or made by ſuch, & as many of thoſe perſons, which at any time or times heretofore haue been auctho̅riſed by any wryting, ſigned and ſealed by ẏ ſaide Dukes, to make any demiſes, or leaſes, or graūtes of anye his meaſes, lands, tenements, poſſeſſions, or hereditaments, and alſo all other leaſes, & grauntes hereafter to be made, had, or graunted, by any perſon or perſons, which ſhalbe at any time hereafter, by the ſufficient wrytynge in the lawe of the ſaid duke, ordeined, conſtituted, or made ſtewarde, or ſurueiour of any the manours, meaſes, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, or hereditaments of the ſaide duke, by copy of court roll, of any the ſayd meaſes, landes, tenementes, reuerſions, poſſeſſions, or hereditamentes, for terme of life or liues, not exceedinge three liues. Whiche leaſe and graūt, or the true copy therof, ſhalbe within one yere, next after the making of any ſuch leaſe or graunt, by copy of court roll entered, and wrytten in a booke, or rolle, & whiche booke or rolle, after the entrie thereof

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shalbe signed & subscribed with the hād of ỹ said Duke, or of his heires, shalbe of such like and the same force, strength and effect in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, to suche, and those persones to whom the same shalbee so letten or graunted, by name expressed in the said lease, or graunt, according vnto the estates and termes mencioned in the leases and grauntes thereof, as if the meases, landes, tenements, reuersions, possessions, and hereditaments, whereof such lease, demise, or graunt, is, or shalbe made, by copy of court rolle, were made of ỹ olde auncient customary, or copyhold lands of the honor or manor, mencyoned in such lease, graunt or copy of court rolle, which haue ben demised, or dimissible, by copy of court rolle, of the said honor or manor or otherwise, according vnto the custome of the said honor or manor, by all the time, whereof, memory of man is not to the contrary. And that the leases, graunts, and tenaunts thereof, shall yelde, do, and pay, & be bounde to pay, yelde, and do to the said Duke, his heires and assignes, and to other the lord or lordes of the said honor or manor, from the time being, like and asmuch rentes for the same, as at any time heretofore haue ben yelden and payd, and all other dueties, seruices, and customes, and vpō like paines, forfaitures, and penalties, and shal haue and enioy all suche like lawfull customes, liberties vsages, and aduauntages, knitte to the same meases, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, so by them, or any of them taken, or to be taken during their seueral estates and interests, of, and in the same, by force of the saide copies, or customes, as the auncient and olde customary and copyhold tenements, of the saide honour or manour, where the said copyholds, or customary tenements, be, haue been, or shalbe taken, or had, haue lawfully vsed, or ought lawfullye by the custome of the saide honour, or manor, to yelde, do, pay, or haue, any lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding: sauing to euery persone & personnes, bodies politique and corporate, theire heires and successors, and the heires & successours of euerye of them, other then the said Duke, & his heires, and euery persone and persons, bodies politique and corporate, and the heires and successours of euery or any of them, which shall haue anye estate, possession, or interest, in, or to any of the premisses, by the said Duke, or by any of his heyres, or vnder the title of the saide Duke, al such ryght, title, vse, interest, commoditie & profite, of, in, and to, all and euery the saide honours, manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses, & to euery part and parcell thereof, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had before the making of this acte, and as though this act had neuer ben had ne made: any thing in this act conteined, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The.xiii.Chapiter.

¶ An act for the true payment of Tithes.

Wherein ẏ parlement holden at Westminster, the.iiii.day of February, in the xxvii.yere of the reigne of the late king of most famous memory king Henry theyght, there was one act made, concerning paiment of tithes prediall and personall. And also in another parlement holdē at Westminster the.xxiiii.day of July in the.xxxii.yere of the raign̄ of the said late king Henry theight, an other act was made cōcerning true paimēt of tithes & offerings, in which seueral actes, many & diuers things be omitted & left out, which were conuenient & very necessary to be added to ẏ same. In consideracion whereof, and to thintent the said tithes may be hereafter truely paide, according to the minde of the makers of the said act: be it ordeined & enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlement assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that not onely the saide actes made in the saide.xxvii.and.xxxii. yeres of the reygne of the saide late king Henry ẏ eight, concerning true payment of tithes, and euery article, and braunche therin conteined, shall abide and stande in their full strength and vertue, but also be it further enacted by thauctoritie of this present parlement, that euery of the kinges subiectes shall from henceforth truely & iustly, without fraude or guyle, deuide, set out, yelde and paye all maner of their predial Tithes, in their propre kinde, as they rise and happen, in suche maner & fourme, as hath been of right yelded and payd, within forty yeres, next before the making of this act, or of right or custome ought to haue been payd. And that no person shal from henceforth, take or cary away, any such or like tithes, which haue been yelded or payd within the saide fortye yeares, or of ryght ought to haue ben payd, in the place or places tithable of the same, before he hath iustly deuyded or set foorthe for the tithe thereof, the tenthe parte of the same, or otherwise agreed for the same tithes, with the person, vicar, or other owner, propryetorye, or Fermour of the same tythes vnder the payne of forfayture of treble value of the tythes so taken or caryed away.

And bee it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that at all tymes whensoeuer, and as often as the said predial tithes shalbe due at the tithing time of the same, it to be lefull to euery party, to whom any of the said tithes ought to be payd, or his deputie or seruant, to view & se their said tithes to be iustly & truely set forth, and seuered from the.ix.partes & the same quietly to take & cary away. And if any persone cary awaye his corne or haye, or his other prediall tithes, before the tithe thereof be set forthe, or willingly withdraw his tithes of the same, or of such other things, wherof predial tithes ought to be paid, or do stop or let ẏ person vicar, proprietory, owner, or other their deputies or fermours, to view, take, and cary away their tithes, as is abouesaide, by reason whereof ẏ said tithe or tēth is lost, impaired, or hurt, that thē vpō due proofe ther-

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of made, before ỳ spirituall iudge, or any other iudge, to whō heretofore he might haue made cōplaint, the party so carying away, withdrawig, letting, or stopping, shal pay the double value of the tenth or tythe so taken, lost, withdrawen or caried away, ouer and besides the costes, charges, and expences of ỳ sute in the same, the same to be recouered before the ecclesiasticall iudge, according to the kinges ecclesiasticall lawes.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that all & euery person which hathe or shall haue any beastes, or other cattell tythable, going, feding, or depasturing in any waste or common ground, wherof the parish is not certainly knowne, shall pay their tithes for the increase of the said cattell so going in the said wast or Common, to the Person, Vicare, proprietory, portionarie, owner, or other their Fermours, or deputies of the parish, Hamlet, towne, or other place, where the owner of the said cattell inhabiteth or dwelleth.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that no person shalbe sued, or otherwise compelled to yeld, geue, or pay any maner of tithes, for any manors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, which by the lawes and statutes of this realme, or by any priuiledge or prescripcion, are not chargeable with the payment of any such tithes, or that be discharged by any composicion reall.

Prouided alwais & be it enacted by thauctheritie aforesaid, ỳ al such baren heth or wast grouñd, other then such as be discharged for the paiment of tithes by act of parlamēt, which before this time haue lyen baren & paid no tithes by reaſō of the same barēnes, & now be, or herafter shalbe improued & cōuerted into arrable grouñd or medow, shal frō hēce forth, after thend & terme of vii. yeres, next after such improuemēt fully ended & determined, pay tithe for the corne & hay growing vppon the same: any thing in this act to the cōtrary in any wise notwithstāding.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the autority aforesaid, that if any such baren, wast, or heth grouñd, hath before this time ben charged with the payment of any tithes, and that the same be hereafter improued & conuerted into arrable ground or medow, that then the owner or owners therof, shall during vii. yeres next folowing, from and after the same improuement, pay such kind of tithe as was paid for the same before the sayd improuement: any thing in this act to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it also further enacted by thautority aforesayd, ỳ euery persō exercising merchandises, bergaining and selling, clothing, handicraft, or other arte or faculty, being such kynd of persons, and in suche places as heretofore vñ this xl. yeres haue accustomably vsed to pay such personal tithes, or of right ought to pay, other thē such as ben cōmon day labourers, shal yerely at or before ỳ feast of Easter, pay for his personall tithes, the x part of his clere gains, his charges & expences, according to his estate, condicion, or degre, to be therin abated, allowed, & deducted.

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Prouyded alwaies, and bee it enacted, that in al suche places, where handy craftes men, haue vsed to pay their tythes, within this foure yeres, the same custome of payment of tithes, to be obserued, & to cõtinue: any thing in this act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the aucthoritie afore saide, that if anye persone refuse to pay his personal tithes, in fourme afore saide, that then it shalbe lefull to the Ordinary of the same dioces, where the party that so ought to pay the saide tithes is dwelling, to call the same partye before him, & by his discrecion, to examine him by all lawful and reasonable meanes, other then by the parties owne corporate othe, concerning the true paiment of the said personall tithes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthority afore saide, that all & euery persone & persons, whiche by the lawes or customes of this realme, ought to make or pay their offerings, shal frely frõ henceforth, well & truely content & pay, his or their offerings, to the person, vicare, proprietory, or their deputies or fermers, of the parish or parishes where it shall fortune or happen him or them, to dwell or abide: & that at suche iiii. offring daies, as at any time heretofore, within ỳ space of. iiii. yeres last past, hath ben vsed & accustomed for the payment of ỳ same, & in default thereof, to pay for their said offrings at Easter thẽ next folowing.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthority afore saide, that this act, or any thing therin conteined shal not extende to any parish, which standes vpon, & towards the sea coastes, the commodities & occupying wherof, consisteth chiefly in fishing, & haue by reason thereof, vsed to satisfie their tithes by fishe, but that all & euery such parish & parishes, shal hereafter pay they tithes, according to the laudable customes, as they haue heretofore of auncient time, within this. xl. yeares, vsed & accustomed, & shall pay their offrings as is afore saide.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie afore saide, that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extende in any wise to the inhabitauntes of the citie of London & Caunterbury, & the suburbs of the same, ne to any other towne or place, that hath vsed to paye their tithes by their houses, otherwise then they ought or should haue done, before the making of this acte: anye thing conteined in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie afore saide, that if any person do subtract, or withdraw any maner of tithes, obuencions, profyts, commodities, or other dueties before mencioned, or any part of thẽ, cõtrary to ỳ true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made, that then ỳ party so subtracting, or withdrawing the same, may or shall be conuented & sued in the kinges ecclesiasticall court, by the partye frõ whom the same shalbe subtracted or withdrawen, to thintent ỳ kynges iudge ecclesiastical, shal & may, then & there, heare & determine the same according to ỳ kings ecclesiastical lawes. And that it shal not be lawful

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vnto the persone, Vicar, proprietory, owner, or other theire Fermours, or deputies, contrary to this acte, to conuent or sue suche withholder of tithes, obuēcions, or other dueties aforesaide, before any other Judge, then Ecclesiasticall. And if any Archbishop, bishop, Chaūcellor, or other Judge Ecclesiastical, geue any sentence in the foresaid causes of tythes, obuentions, profits, emoluments, and other dueties aforesaide, or in any of them (and no appeale ne prohibiciō hanging) ỳ party condempned do not obey the said sentēce, that then it shalbe leful to euery such iudge Ecclesiasticall, to excōmunicate the said party, so, as afore condempned, & disobeying, in the which sentence of excōmunication, if the said partie excommunicate, wilfully stand & indure still excōmunicate, by the space of. xl. daies next after, vpon denunciation & publicacion thereof, in the parishe churche, or the place or parishe, where the party so excommunycate is dwelling, or most abyding, the saide Judge Ecclesiasticall, maye then at his pleasure signifie vnto the king into his court of Chauncery, of the state and condicion of the said party so excommunicate, and therevpon to require proces De excommunicato capiendo, to be awarded against euery such person, as hath been so excommunicate.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any party at any time hereafter, for any matter or cause before rehearsed, limitted, or appoynted by this act, to be sued or determined, in the kings Ecclesiasticall court, or before the Ecclesiasticall Judge, do sue for any prohibiciō in any of the kinges courtes, where prohibicions before this time haue been vsed to be graunted, that then in euery such case, the same party before any prohibicion shalbe graunted to him or them, shal bring and deliuer to the hands of some of the Justices, or Judges of the same court where suche party demaunded prohibicion, the very true copy of the libell, depending in the Ecclesiasticall court, concerning the matter, wherfore the party demaundeth prohibicion, subscribed or marked, with the hand of the same party, and vnder the copy of the said libel, shalbe written the suggestion, wherefore the party so demaundeth the sayde prohibicion: & in case the said suggestiō, by two honest and sufficient witnesses at the least, be not proued true in the court, where the said prohibiciō shalbe so graunted, within sixe monethes next folowing, after the sayde prohibicion shalbe so graūted and awarded, that then the party that is letted or hindered, of his or their suite in the Ecclesiastical court, by such prohibicion, shall vpon his or their request & suite, without delay haue a consultaciō graūted in the same case in the court, where the saide prohibicion was graunted, & shall also recouer double costes and damages against the party that so pursued the said prohibicion, the saide costes & damages to be assigned or assessed by the court, where the said cōsultacion shalbe so graunted, for which costs & damages, the partye, to whō they shalbe awarded, may haue an action of debt, by bil, plaint, or informacion in any of the kings courtes of recorde, wherein the defendaunt

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shall not wage his, or theft sawe, nor haue anye essoigne or protection, allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thing therin conteined, shal not extend to geue any minister or Judge Ecclesiasticall, any iurisdiction to hold plee of any matter, ratile, or thing, being contrary or repugnant, to, or against the effect, intent or meaning of the statute of Westminster second, the.v. Chapiter, ỳ statutes of Articuli cleri circũspecti agatis: Silua sedua, the treatise De regia prohibicione ne against the statute of anno primo Edwardi tertij the tenth Chapiter, or any of them, ne yet hold plee in any mater, wherof ỳ kinges court of right, ought to haue iurisdiction, any thing herein conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, where hertofore such a custome hath been in many parts of wales that of suche cattel and other goods, as hath been geuen with the mariage of any person ther tythes haue been exacted & leuied by the persones and curates in those partes, wich custome being dissonaunt, from any part of this realme, as it seemed when the said cõtrey of wales, was through Ciuile dissenciõ vnciulted, for want of other sufficient profits, that might otherwise growe to the curates and ministers there, to haue been for that time tollerable, so now the cõtrey beyng wel manured and husbanded, and that tithe is duely payd there, of corne, haye, wolle, & cheese, and of other increase of al maner of cattel as it is cõmonly in all other partes of this realme, the same custome semes to be greuous and vnreasonable, specialy wher the benifices are els sufficient for the fynding of the sayd ministers & curates, that it be therfore enacted by the auctority aforesaied, that from and after the first day of May nert comming, no such tithes of mariage goodes be exacted or required of any person within the said dominion of wales, or Marches of the same: any thing in this act conteined, or any other act, custome, prescription, had or made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶ The.xiiii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte against the shoting of hayleshot.

Where as an act made in the.xviii. yere of the late king of famous memory Henry theight, for some libertie to shote in Handgunnes, Haques, and Harquebuts, by which act neuertheless it was prouided, that no person should shote in any of the abouesaid peces, but at a bank of earth, and not to any dere or foule, vnlesse the party might dispend an C. pound by the yere, for asmuche as the saide acte hauinge been deuised, as it was then thought for necessarie exercise, tending to the defence of the realme, is growen sithen to the maintenance of muche ydleneſſe, and to suche a libertie, as not onely dwelling houses, Douecotes, & churches, are dayly damaged by the abuse therof, by men of light cõuersacion, but that also there is growen a customable manner of shoting of hayleshot, whereby an infinite sorte of Foule is killed, and muche game thereby destroyed,

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to the benefite of no man, whereby also the meaning of the said statute, is defrauded, for that the saide vse of haileshot, vtterly destroyeth ỳ certaintie of shoting, which in warres is much requisite: Be it therefore enacted, that no person vnder the degree of a lord of the parlement, shall from henceforth shote in any handgõne, within any city or towne, at any foule, or other marke vpon any Church, house, or Douecote, neither that any person shall shote in any place any haileshot, or any moe pellots then one at one time, vpon pain to forfait for euery time that he or they shall so offende, contrarye to this acte. x.li. & imprisonment of his bodye during three monethes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this act, nor any thing therein conteined, shal extende, or be preiudiciall to any person or persones, aucthorised by value of land, to shote in anye handgunne or crossebowe, but that they may so do, in suche fourme and order, as they should do, & might haue done, before the making of thys acte (haileshot excepted, as in dede that kinde of shot in the said act was not meant) & that al & euery other person or persõs, aucthorised to shote or otherwise, if he inhabite in any towne corporate, bee presented to the Mayor, or other officer of the same, and inhabiting in the countrey, be presented within one moneth, after the publishing of this act to the next Justice of peace adioyning, in which cases the sayde Maior, Justice, or other officer so taking their names, as is aforesaide, shal againe present and recorde the same, before a Justice of the peace, at the nexte quarter Session, to the intent the clerke of the peace of the countie, may keepe a certaine booke or rolle, of the names of all such persons, by the whyche the kings maiesty may frõ time to time be assertayned, how many mete and hable men, exercised in that feate, be in euery county, that the same may be imployed in his graces seruice, as nede & occasion shall require, vpon paine that euery persone, offending in this act, in presumpnge to shote in anye Handgunne or halfe Hake, wythout the presenting of his name, as is aforesaide, shal forfait for euery shott, the somme of. xx.s. the one moity whereof, to be to our souereigne lord the king, and the other moytye to him or thẽ, that will sue for the same, by bill, action, plaint, informacion or otherwise. The officer that should take their names & present the same as is aboue said, to incurre for the lack of his duety in this part, for euery time so offending like paine.

¶ The. xv. Chapiter.

¶ An act touching victualers, and handy craftes men.

Forasmuche as, of late dayes, dyuers sellers of Victualles, not contented with moderate and reasonable gaine, but myndynge to haue, and to take for their Victualles, so muche as lust them, haue conspired and couenaunted together, to sell theire Victualles at vnreasonable prices: And likewise Artificers

tificers, handicraftes men, and labourers, haue made confederacies & promises, & haue sworne mutuall othes, not onely that they should not medle one with others woorke, and perfourme & finishe, that another hath begonne, but also to constitute & appoint how much woorke they shall doe in a day, and what houres & times they shall worke, contrary to the lawes & statutes of this realme, and to the great hurt and empouerishement of the kinges Maiesties subiectes, for reformaciō therof, it is ordeyned and enacted by the king our souereigne lord, the Lordes and Commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any Bouchers, Brewers, Bakers, Poulters, Cookes, Costermongers, or Fruterers, shall at any time, from and after the first day of March next cōming, conspire, couenaunt, promise, or make any othes, that they shall not sell their victuals, but at certayne prices, or if any artificers, workemen, or labourers, doe conspire, couenant or promise togither, or make any othes, that they shall not make, or doe their workes, but at a certaine price and rate, or shall not enterprise or take vpon them, to finish that another hath begonne, or shall do but a certain woorke in a day, or shall not worke but at certaine houres and times, that then euery person so conspiring, couenaunting, swearing or offending, being lawfully conuict therof by witnesse, confession, or otherwise, shall forfaite for the first offence, ten pound to the kinges highnes, and if he haue sufficient to pay the same, and do also paye the same within vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or els shal suffer for the same offence, twenty daies imprisonment, and shall onely haue bread & water for his sustenance. And for the second offence, shal forfaite twentie pound to the king, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and doe pay the same within vi. daies next after his conuiction, or els shall suffer for the second offence, punishment of the pillory. And for the thirde offence, shall forfait xl. pounde to the king, if he haue sufficient to pay the same, & also do pay the same within vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or els shall sit on the Pilloury and loose one of his eares, and also shall at all times after that, be taken as a man infamous, and his sayinges, depositions or othe, not to be credited at any time, in any matters of iudgement. And if it fortune any such conspiracie, couenaunt or promise to be had & made by any societie, brotherhode, or company of any Craft, mistery or occupation, of the victuallers aboue mencioned, with the presēce or consent of the more part of them, that then immediatly vppon suche acte of conspiracie, couenant or promise, had, or made, ouer and besides the particuler punishment, before in this acte apointed for the offender, their corporacion shall be dissolued to all intentes, constructions & purposes.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all and singuler Justices of Assise, Justices of Peace, Mayors, Baylifs, and stewardes of Letes, at all and euery their sessions, Letes

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and courtes, shall haue full power and autozitie to enquire, heare, & determine all and singuler offẽces committed against this statute, and to punish oz cause to bee punished the offendoz, accozding to the tenure of this statute.

And it is ozdeined and enacted by the authozitie afozesayde, that no person oz persons shal at any time after the first day of Apzill next comming, interrupt, denp, let oz disturbe any free Mason, Roughe Mason, Carpenter, Bzicklaier, Plaisterer, Joiner, Hardhewer, Sawier, Tiler Pauier, Glasier, Lime burner, Bzickmaker, Tylemaker, Plummer, oz Labourer, bozne in this realme oz made Denizen, to wozke in any of ꝑ said crafte in any Citie, Bozough, oz Towne cozpozate, with any person oz persons that will retaine him oz them, albeit the sayd person and persons so retained, oz any of thẽ do not inhabite oz dwel in the city, borough oz Towne cozpozate, where he oz they shall wozke, noz be free of the same citie, Bozough oz Towne, any statute, law, ozdinance, oz other thing whatsoeuer had oz made to the contrary in any wise notwithstãding, and that vpon pain of fozfeiture of v. pound foz euery interruptiõ oz disturbance done contrary to this statute, thone moitie of euery such fozfeiture to be to the king, and the other moitie thereof to be to him oz them that wil sue foz the same in any of the kings courtes of Recozd, by bill, plaint, action of debt, oz infozmacion, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine noz pzotection shalbe allowed.

The xvi. Chapite.

¶ An Acte for the remouing of such as haue the custody of Castles and Fortresses vpon the borders, and beyonde the Seas.

WHere befoze this time, aswel the right high & mighty Pzince of famous memozy king Henry the viii. Father to our souereigne Lozde the king that now is, as also our souereigne Lozde the king that now is, by their seueral letters patentes haue geuen & granted to diuers seueral persõs, the custody & keping of diuers and sundzy Castles, Foztresses, Bulwarkes, Holdes and offices of defence, aswel in the cõfines & vttermost bozders of the Nozth partes of this realme of Englande against the Scots the kinges Rebels, as also in the confines and vttermost bozders of other places within this realme and other the kinges dominions foz defence of this realme against fozein pzinces and Potentates, with diuers fees wages, pzofites and aduantages in the sayde seuerall letters patentes mencioned. And foz so much as diuers of the saide persones hauyng some of the said offices bene thought mete and apt persons to serue the kinges highnes in other places of seruice. Be it therfoze enacted by the king our souereigne lozd, the lozdes Spirituall and Tempozal and the

Commons in this present Parlament assembled, & by thauctority of the same, that it shalbe lawfull to the king our soueraigne Lord at his will and pleasure at all time and times hereafter, to remoue aswell all & euery such persone & persones, that now haue the custody or kepinge for terme of life, of any castle, foztresse, bulwarke, holde, or office of defence, that at any time heretofore hath bene erected or made in the cõfines & vttermost borders in the Nozth partes of this Realme, as also al and singuler those persons that now haue the custody or keping for terme of life of anye castle, Foztresse, bulwarkes, holde, or office of defence, that within .xx. yeares last past hath bene erected or made neare the Sea coastes, or in any of ỳ kinges dominions in ỳ partes of beyõd the Sea, at the kinges appointment or assignement, geuing to euerye such persone and persones so to be remoued to serue the king in other place or places of seruice such like, or as good fees, wages, pzofits and aduauntages, and of suche like interest or estate, and of as good assurance in the same, as the person or persons so to be remoued now hath or haue for exercising of his or theire office or offices, wherefore hee or they shalbe so remoued as is aforesaide.

And it is further enacted by thauctozitie aforesaide, that when & as soone as any persone or persones so to be remoued, shalbe assured of as good fees, wages, pzofits and aduauntages, & of suche like interest or estate as he, or they had for the custody or keping of any of the said castles, foztresses, bulwarks, holdes, or offices of defence, from which he shalbe remoued, that thẽ and so sone and from thencefozth, the graunt & letters patentes made to him or them, so to be remoued for the custody and keeping of anye of the saide castels, foztresses, bulwarkes, holdes or offices of defence, whereof he or they shal haue such recompence, as is aforesayd, shalbe vtterly voide & of none effect.

¶ The .xbii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the confirmacion of the attaindor of sir William Sharington knight.

FOrasmuch as sir William Sharington late of Lon dõ knight the .xiiii. day of Febzuary in ỳ third yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord Edward ỳ .vi. by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce & Irelãd king, defendor of the faith, & of the Church of Englande & also of Irelande in earth the supreme head, was lawfully indicted before the Maior of the citie of London and other the kynges cõmissioners of Oyer and Terminer, in the Yelde Hall in London, for ỳ the same sir willia the .x. day of July, in the first yeare of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord king Edward the sixt, and diuers daies and times before & after, at the citie of

Bristoll

Bristoll, in the countie of the Citie of Bristoll, imagining falsly to deceiue our saide souereigne Lord the king and his people falsly and traiterously did make, forge, and counterfait .ii. M. poundes of coine of syluer to the similitude of a certaine coigne of our said soueraigne Lord ꝑ kyng, commonly called Testons, of his owne auctoritie without anye warrant of our said soueraigne Lorde the king, and against the kyngs prohibitions to the contrary thereof to him made & geuen, and againste the peace of our soueraigne lord the king, his crowne and dignitie: vpō whiche indictement, the same sir William was then and ther arraigned before the saide Commissioners, & then and there before the said Commissioners, vppon his said arraignement, confessed the said treason, & al thinges conteined in the said indictement to be true, whereupon iudgement was geuen against the same sir William Sharingtō accordingly as in such cases of treason appertaineth: So that the same sir William is, and now standeth attainted of treason, as by the recorde therof more at large it appereth.

And also the same sir William falsly and trayterously in the moneths of May, June, July, in the said first yere of the reygne of our said souereigne Lorde the king, of hys owne auctoritie without any warrant, or auctoritie from our said souereigne Lord the king, and against his highnes prohibitions to hym had and made, did make, forge, and counterfayte ouer and besides the saide summe of .ii. M. poundes mencioned in the said recorde, a certein coine like to the said kings coine, called Testons, amounting in the whole to the summe of .x. M. poundes, or thereabout. And likewise the same sir William most falsly and vntruely hath deceyued and defrauded the kinges Maiestie in the clippinges & shearinges of the kinges coine, makinge thereby the same to light, ouer and besides his remedy, and conuerted the same to his owne vse, profite & commoditie, to the hurt, losse & damage of the kynges Maiestie, aboue the summe of .iiii. M. pounde at the least. And the said sir William Sharington at such times when the monethlye bookes and doynges cōcerning the making of the kinges coine were brought vnto him, he vsed al waies to strike out asmuche as he thought good. And to the entent hee might the better so do, he falsefied the endentures & writtings, making from time to time at his pleasure newe bookes, & burned the olde bookes, which might iustly haue charged him. wherein albeit he is not able to expresse to what summes he deceiued the kings Maiestie, yet by his owne declaration and confession, it amounteth to a notable summe, & to such a summe as he confesseth, that all that hee hath is not able to recompence the king. For confirmation therfore of the same attaindor, & for the more speedy suertie of the kynges Maiestie, touching the forfeiture and actuall and real possession of all such Castels, Manors, lādes, & tenementes, and hereditamentes which the saide sir William had the sayd .x. day of July, in the saide first yere of the reigne of our saide soue-

reigne Lord the king, as at any time sithen. And also for the forfaiture of all such goodes, cateis, and debtes, as was the same sir Williams the said. xiiii. daye of Februarye: Bee it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lord with thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in thys present parlament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde sir William Sharington for the traiterous forging and counterfaiting of the kynges coines aforesaide, shalbe by thauctoritie of thys present Parlament, adiudged and demed a traitor, and attainted of treason, and shal suffer such paines as in such cases of treason hath beene vsed. And that also the same sir William Sharington shall forfait to the king all such castles, manoures, landes, tenementes, offices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer the same sir william was seased or possessed of, in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, or peres in his owne right the said. x. day of July, in the said first pere of ꝑ reigne of your saide soueraigne Lord king Edward the first, or at anye tyme sythens. And all suche goodes, catteis, and debtes, as the saide sir william had the. xiiii. daye of Februarye. And that al the said castels, manoures, landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes shalbe by thauctoritie of thys present Parlamente, adiudged, vested, & demed in the actual and real possession of the king our soueraigne Lord from the said. xiiii. day of Februarye in the said thirde yeare of the reigne of oure saide soueraigne Lorde, without any office or inquisition to bee therof had or found.

Prouided alwaies and bee it enacted by thauctoritie aforsaide, that sir Anthony Hungerforde knight and his heires, shall haue, holde, & enioye the Manor of Leigh, with thappurtenaunces in the coũtie of wilshire, whiche the same sir william at the speciall requeste of the same sir Anthony Hungerford, aswell for. xvi. acres and a halfe of lande, as for lb. acres of wast groundes & woodddes with thappurtenaũces in Eastham & Westham within the countie of Esser, assured by the same sir Anthonye Hungerford to the kinges highnes and his heirs, as for diuers sommes of money paied by ꝑ said sir Anthony, did receiue., haue & take by the kynges letters patentes, dated the xvi. day of September, in the seconde pere of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord the king, to the entent to make an estate therof in fee simple, to the said sir Anthonye & to his heires: the said attaindor before the said commissioners of Oyer, & Terminer, or thys present act, or any thing in them, or any of them cõtained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery suche person and persones whiche at the sayde tenth day of July, or at any tyme sythens, and before the third daye of January, in the seconde yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord the kyng, hath had and obtained by lawfull graunt, gifte, feoffemẽt, or other assuraunce, any manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes

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with thappurtenaunces from or by the saide sir William Sharington or from, or by the said sir William and other, for any summes of moneye or otherwise by, or for anye other good consideracions, shal haue & enioy the same Manours, Landes, tenementes and hereditaments with theire appurtenaunces, accordyng to such estate, interest, or terme, as is or hath bene to any of them made, by the said sir William, or by the said sir william and other, in such like and the same maner, as if the saide attaindor before the saide Commissioners, or thys present acte had neuer beene had or made: Sauing to all persones and bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successours, other then the kynges Maiestie, hys heires and successors) all suche right, title, vse, interest, estate, remaynder, reuertions, entres, possessions, rentes seruices, rentes charge, rentes secke, fees, annuities, leasses, claimes, commens, profites, conditions, and commodities, as they or any of them haue or ought to haue in, or, to anye part of the premisses, whereof the same sir william before the sayde thirde daye of Januarye in the saide second yere, made anye feoffement, gift, graunt, or other assuraunce, to any persone or persons, And sauing to the kynges Maiestie, hys heires and successoures, suche seigniories, rentes, tenthes, seruices, and commens, to be taken, had, or perceiued out of the premisses, whereof the saide sir william Sharington made anye suche feoffement, gifte, graunt, or other assuraunce, as is aforesaide, as his highnes before the saide xiiii. day of Februarye had, or ought to haue had in any of the same manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, with theire appurtenances, in the same & like maner, fourme, estate and condition, to all intentes and purposes, as if the said attaindor, or this present acte had neuer beene had, or made, anye thing to the cõtrary therof notwithstãding. Sauing also to all & euerye person and persones, and bodies politike and corporate, and to euery of them and to their heires, assignes, and successours, and to euerye of thẽ (other then to the said sir William Sharington and his heires) all such rites, titles, vses, interestes, states, possessions, reuersions, remainders, entres, conditions, fees, offices, rẽtes seruices, rentes secke, rentes charges, annuities, commens, and all other commodities, profites and hereditamentes whatsoeuer as they or any of them hadde or ought to haue had, the said thirde daye of January, anye thing in thys acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that thys act ne any thing therein contained, shall not extẽde nor be preiudiciall to Dame Grace Sharington, nowe wife to the saide sir william Sharington, to take away from the said Dame Grace Sharington, any right or title of ioynter, or dower, of, in, or, to any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, which before any attaindour of the saide sir william Sharington, were the sayde sir williams, of estate

of inheritaunce: But that the said Dame Grace Sharington, shall and may at her election, haue, enioy, and demaund all such ioynter or dower, of, in, or to any Manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, wherof the said sir William at any time before he was attainted by the Cõmen law, was seased of any estate of enheritaunce.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that this act, ne any thing therin contained, shal not in any wise extẽd to enhable the said Dame Grace Sharington to demaund any dower, of, in, or to any Manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche the said sir William had or obtained, vpon any trust or confidence, wherof he had before the said. xiiii. daye of Februarij made any estate, or to the entẽt the same sir William should therof make any estate or other assuraunce ouer to any other persone or persons.

¶ The. xviii. Chapiter.

An act for the attaindor of sir Thomas Seymor knight, Lord Seymor of Sudley, highe Admirall of Englande.

In their most humble wise beseching your most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, & the Comõns in this present Parlament assembled. That where sir Thomas Seimor knight, lord Seimor of Sudley, high Admirall of Englande, not hauinge God before his eyes, nor regardinge the dutie which by nature, benefites and allegeaunce he ought to your highnesse, not being content with his honorable state and cõdition, whereunto your Maiestie hath called and indewed him with, but replenished and filled with the most daungerous, insatiable, and fearefull vice of ambition and greedines of rule, aucthoritie, and dominion, did in the first yeare of your moste noble and victorious reigne, determine and resolue with him selfe, to take into his handes your most noble person, & the same either by violence, stealth, or other vndue meane to haue in his possession, with the order, rule, and gouernement of your Maiesties Realmes, Dominions, and affaires, whiche were before that tyme, aswell by your Royall assent, as by the consent and liberate aduise of all your nobles and counsaile, wherof he the saide Lord Admirall was one, otherwise ordered, decreed, & determined by the meanes whereof, and by the moste prudent foresight and direction of youre graces derest vncle the Duke of Somerset, gouernour of your Maiesties most royall person, and Protectour of your highnes Realmes, dominion and subiectes, being the sayde Admirall disapointed of his malitious enterprise: The same Admirall continuing neuertheles hys great ambition, and most detestable, malitious and traiterous purpose, thinkynge

kyng by tumult & violẽce, openly to atchiue that thing which by sleight he could not secretly compasse, trauailed with your Maiesty beyng yet for your tender yeres not able to conceaue his falshed, by craftie & subtil and traiterous meanes and persuasions, hauinge also prepared aboute your grace by corruption, sundry persons, to be instruments to help forwardes all his naughtie traiterous purposes, to haue caused your grace at his contẽplation, to haue written a bill or letter of your Maiesties own hand, to your hyghe court of Parliament, desiring the same therby to be good vnto the said Lord Seymor, in suche sutes & matters as he should open & declare vnto them, which bill or letter the said Lorde Admirall thought and determined not only in hys own person to haue brought into the nether house of your sayd court of Parlament, but also to haue likewise opened the same in the higher house, hauing in both the same houses labored, stirred & moued a number of persones to take parte and ioyne with him, in such thinges as hee would set foorth & enterprise, wherby he thought to brede such a tumult, vprore, and seditiõ aswell in the said courte, as in the whole Realme, as by the troublinge of the whole state and bodye of this your realme, he might the more facily & easely bring to passe his most fearefull, deuelishe & naughtye purpose: For the more sure & certaine compassing wherof, like as he feared not to saye to certaine noble men and others, that hee would make the blackest Parlament that euer was sene here in Englande, so most trayterously for the further accomplishment of his lewd enterprise, he retained a great nomber of men, & prepared a great furniture of weapons & habilimentes of warre, ready for thexecution of hys sayd traiterous attemptates. And to coloure and cloke his said mischeuous purposes, did by all suche wayes and meanes as hee could possiblie deuise and imagine, practise as it were for his entrie towardes the same, to seeke and attaine the gouernement of your moste noble person, and thereby to haue gotten into his hands the order of your realmes and dominions: wher vnto he aspired in such sorte, as he did euen then trauaile expressly with the most parte of your highnes most honorable counsaill, to help him to the said gouernement, doing likewise all that he could in the Parlamẽt by himselfe, his seruaunts and ministers, not onely to hinder and let all things there preponed, which touched the honour, surety, and benefit of youre Maiestie and the Realme: But also spreadinge abroade sundrye slaunders touching your Maiesties person, your derest Uncle the saide Lord Protector, and the whole state of your counsaile, ouer vile, daungerous and vnmete to be here resited, which things being by the goodnes of God reueled, as your said Uncle the Lord Protector coulde not chose, but hartely lament the said Lorde Admirall euill, malicious, and corrupte disposition, chiefly in respecte of the apparaunce and irrecuperable daunger, whiche was like by the same presentelye to haue ensued to your Maiestie, and to your realmes and dominiõs, and secondly, for

that he was by proximitie of bloude so nerely ioyned vnto him. So hoping that by good aduertisements and counsailes, he might yet recouer & saue him, & by the grace of God cause him to cast away his naughtie, vile, and ambitious disposition, and to haue had a better consideration hereafter to his duty, both to God and vnto your Maiesty, whereunto hee was most bounden: The said Lord Protectour laboured with the whole counsaile, & otherwise to reconsile & reformme him, whiche presently must els haue perished in his foly & outrage. And albeit the sayde Lord Protector had thē perfite knowledge of all the attemptates, and misbehauors of the said Admiral before rehearsed. And that ỳ said Admiral had then said that he would not come at the said Lord Protector & counsail, although they sent for him, & that he would not be committed to any warde for his doings by the best of them, wherby it appered that he thought his partie strōg inough to resist your Maiesties power and ordinary auctority: Yet the said Lord Protector, not ceasing with al clemencie to folowe his godly & charitable purpose, did not onely vse all the good meanes he could deuise by ỳ persuasiōs of certaine of your graces counsaile and otherwise, to frame him to the amendement of his euils, & so to bring him to the better remembraunce of his dutie, but also cōsidering that if the matter should haue growē to extremitie, being so nere, and so much bounde to your Maiestie, being new come to your kingdome, your subiects not altogether left in the best concorde for matters of Religion, great slaunder, tumulte & daunger might haue ensued thereby, aswell here at home in your Realme, as from some outwarde partes, with whom you were in the warre, and in some secrete enmitie redy to enter ỳ warres, thought it with the aduise of your whole counsail, most mete and surest for your Maiestie to passe his euill doings ouer in silēce, & in some what the more in respect of the better stay, for ỳ time of your present estate, to bridle him with your liberalitie, and therfore to geue vnto him lands to ỳ yerely value of. viii. C. pound, trusting therby, & by such other good meanes as were vsed towarde him, to encourage and moue him to leaue for euer that ambitiō & seditious minde and to liue in such order as might haue pleased God, and serued your Maiestie, and your publike weale: But all thys notwithstanding ỳ deuil who had before plāted that vile & euil weede so depely in his hart that the roote of ỳ same could not be clerely pulled out, but caused hys ambition eftsones to springe, & shewe it selfe more rankely then it had done before. For it plainely appeareth that he taried not lōg in his dissembled good mode & promise, but began a freshe to imagine, compasse, & deuise for ỳ satisfying of his traiterous desire, to make a partie, factiō & confederacion, whereof he would be the head, & did not onely get as manye rules and offices into hys handes of all mennes, as hee coulde possiblie attaine, and retained manie gentlemen and yomen into hys seruice, making a full accompt and reconing, which he declared secretly

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to some of hys familiars, that he was therby able of his owne rules, tenauntes and seruauntes to make ten thousand men, for the obtayninge of his saide purpose, for whose wages he had also deuised after .x. M. pounds by the moneth, out of your Maiesties mynte at Bristoll, which hee had obtained with all your treasoure in the same, by the meanes & consent of sir william Sharington knight, Vicetreasourer, there to be at his commaundementes: which sir william nowe standeth attainted of treason. And had also put your graces castel of the Holt, whereof he had the keepinge, euen nowe of late in a readines, and there caused to bee prepared a greate furniture of wheat, malte, beefes, and a greate masse of moneye, for the feedinge and entertainement of a nomber of menne, whiche money hee caused to bee leuied and taxed halfe the yere before the same was due, bruting also for the better atchiuing of hys purpose, and to amase therewith the more the people, that your Maiestie (whom God long preserue vnto vs) should be dead: But also he laboured sundry of your nobles, & other your graces subiectes, to ioyne with hym, deuising with diuers of them, howe, and by what policye, wayes & meanes they should make themselues strong in theire Countries for that purpose, and how they should winne vnto them the heade pomen, and ring leaders of the common people, declaring howe he mēt to haue matched and set one noble man against such another noble mā as he thought he could neuer compasse and winne, to assent to his faction and false conspiratie, promising to diuers of them sundry benefits: yea taking so much vpon hym, for thaccomplishement of his said trayterous entent and purpose, as he spared not to promise your moste excellent person in mariage, to a noble mans daughter of thys your realme: And yet not contented herewith, for ỳ further auauncement of his most naughtye and traiterous purpose, did traiterously and vnnaturallye practise euen with your hyghenes owne personne, to make your moste excellent Maiestie (for your tender yeares vnable to vnderstande hys false and traiterous purposes) an instrumēt towardes the vndoynge & destruction of your hyghenes, and the subuersion of the whole state of this your graces realme: persuading your Maiestie almuche as in him dyd lye, not onelye to take vpon you nowe in youre yonge and tender age, the rule and order of youre selfe, entendinge and meaninge by the coloure thereof, to take in hys handes youre moste Royall persone, the rules and orders of all the affaires of youre Realmes and dominions, beinge alreadye by the sayde Lorde Protector, with the aduise of your Graces moste honorable Counsayle, aswell prudentely and politikelye gouerned, as valiauntly and nobiely defended againste outwarde enemies, to thincrease of youre immortall fame and honor: But also to receiue & engender an hatred in your most noble hart, and against youre derest vncle the said Lord Protectour, and all your true and faithfull counsailours, to the which his deuelish persuasions and assaultes, God

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gaue your highnes, euen at this age, to the greate reioice of all vs your faithfull subiectes and seruauntes, a speciall grace to resiste, aboue commen reason & all expectation, and most graciously without any aduise or counsaile to refuse and denie his euill aduertisementes and perswasions. And further the said admirall did most falsly and traiterously corrupt sundry of your highnes priuie Chamber with many giftes and otherwise, to thintent they should moue and procure your Maiestye, to writte sundry letters at his or theire deuises, and to put into your graces head, a speciall & a singuler fauour, affection, & trust towardes him, & a disposition to folow whatsoeuer he woulde haue wrought towardes all others, that he might the rather haue compassed his most traiterous purpose, which must nedes haue tẽded to your Maiesties destruction (which God forbid) & to ẏ vtter ruine of all vs, your highnesse most louing, faithfull, & obedient subiectes: For moste gracious souereigne Lorde, besides all this it is most euident and apparaunt, that as immediatly after the king your fathers death of most noble memorie, he bare a special loue & fauour to your graces sister the Lady Elizabeth, secõde persone in the remainder of the state of succession to the crowne of thys Realme after your Maiestie, and the heires of your body, whom the lyuing God lõg preserue vnto vs, with thincrease of much fruit, & would then of his great presumption and traiterous determination, haue maried her, yf he coulde by any meane haue brought to passe the same, but that hee was staied by the said Lorde protector, and other of your graces Counsaile: So he did not onely continue in his said determinacion towards her, in the Queene his late wiues tyme, but also by diuerse secrete and craftie meanes and practises, continually sought by atchiuing of the same sithens the Queenes death, as by sundry waies is cõfessed, & appeareth. In so muche as the same being perceiued by your said dereast vncle, and some other besides of your Counsaile, and other personages of reputacion, and the saide Admirall by them earnestly aduised to beware of it, and to forbeare his pretensed purpose, specially for that it could not be but daungerous, to your graces persone, he hath not beene afrayde to defende hys naughty doinges and purpose in it, and to aske why he shoulde not continue his sute towardes the sayde Lady Elyzabeth, with sundry other woordes, declaring his full intent and determinacions to it, & neglecting all good aduises, reasons, and admonitions made, geuen, or alleged, contrary to his purpose, he hath secretly and earnestly folowed it, in suche sorte as if sundrye other his mischeuous deuises and practises had not appered, and come to knowledge, it is euidẽt, that he woulde haue done what he coulde, secretly to haue maried her, as he did the late Queene, whom it may appere he maried first, & after sued to your Maiestie, and the Lord Protector, and your Cõsaile, for his preferment to it, whom neuertheles it hath bene credibly declared, he holpe to her ende, to haste forwardes his other purpose, But what

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thys mariage of your said syster with his prepared forces & confederacies should meane, and what the getting of the rule and order of your Maiesties Wynte at Bristoll, into his handes, with ten thousand mē, which besides all his frendes, & diuers reteigners, he accompted himselfe furnished of, and able to make all times within his owne rules, & of hys owne seruauntes and tenauntes should tende vnto for the wages and entertaignementes of whom he had prepared, as is aforesaid considering that the said Admiral at all time when occasion of the seruice of your Maiestie was necessary or requisite, went alwaies backe and refused to take it vpon him, whether it were by Sea or Land as your graces counsail both know, and diuers times haue lamented, & in that case trauailed with him (in vaine) to bring him vnto it, wherby no good minde or will of him towards your Maiesties saketie, or assurance can appere. And vpon all these sinister wayes & meanes, what his corrupt & subtle attemptes of getting your most noble persone into his hands, by colour wherof he might haue wrought what he would & whatsoeuer his ambicious entent could haue deuised with his preparations of victualles and money, and other his said doings at your saide graces Chastle of the Holte, & in ỳ parties thereaboutes, would haue wrought in ỳ ende, specially in this tender age of your highnesse & whilest your Maiestie is in the gouernement of a Protector: It is feareful to consider & thinke vpon, & cannot otherwise be taken, but to bee in dede more then a manifest declaration of a traiterous aspiringe to your crowne of this Realme, and to be king of the same, and an opē dede & act, and a false and traiterous compasse and imaginatiō to depose and depriue your Maiestie krō your royall estate and title of your realmes, & to compasse and imagine the death of your most noble person, & most traiterously to take awaye and destroy all thinges whiche should haue sounded to the let and impediment of his most traiterous & ambitious enterprise.

And further gracious soueraigne Lord to declare the traiterous disposition of his nature, & how litle he cared to offend your graces law, & how he did yet lesse regarde his truth and duty towards your grace, Where William Sharington knight, late of London, the .x. daye of July: in the first yere of your graces reigne, hath in the countie & citye of Bristol, falsly & traiterously forged & counterfaited certaine of your graces coigne, and further embeseled & purloyned from your Maiesty vntruly and falsly at the leaste the summe of xl. M. poundes, for parte whereof the same sir William Sharington vpon his owne confession is attainted of treason accordinge vnto your graces lawes, to whiche said traiterous actes, the said Lord Admirall did not onely abbet and procure the same sir William Sharington, labouring hym ỳ he should get almuche money from time to time into his handes for his purpose as he could, so that he might euer haue a good masse in a readines, but

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alſo ſithe the time of the ſaid treaſons & traiterous actes, ſo done by the ſaid ſir William Sharington: The ſaid Lord Admirall hauing perfect knowledge thereof, aſwel by the declaration of the moſt parte of your highnes counſaile, as by ſome of his owne coũſail learned, hath traiterouſly comforted, ayded, aſſiſted, and maintayned the ſayde ſir William Sharington in his ſaid traiterous acte and faultes againſt your graces lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, taking the patent, indentures, bookes and reckenings of the ſame ſir William Sharingtõ, of his own authoritie into his cuſtody, and affirming both to ſundry of your graces Counſaile, and to diuers of your ſubiectes, that the ſaide Sharington had wrong to be committed, deuiſing all the waies he could poſſibly, contrary to his dutie and allegeance, traiterouſly to beare him in his euill & traiterous doinges, and to deliuer him, if he by any means might haue comen by him.

And for a further proofe to induce that ẏ ſaid Admiral did maintaine & comfort the ſame Sharington, where the ſaide Admirall ought to ẏ ſaid Sharington ii.M.viii.C.li. the ſayd Sharington vpon a miſtruſt which he had before his apprehenſion, that he ſhould for his fault & proceedings come one day to his trial and examination, communicating the ſame with the ſaid lord Admirall, the ſaid Admirall agreed & promiſed not onely to ayde and maintaine, and beare him to the vttermoſt of his power, as in dede he did, both as is aforeſayde, and in conſulting wyth learned men for him, and otherwiſe: But alſo for his more aſſured aide being indebted to the ſaide Sharington the ſumme of ii.M.viii.C.li. vntruely conſpired with the ſayd Sharington vpon a bill, whereby it appeared that the ſaid Sharington ſhould owe vnto him the ſumme of ii.M. pound with intereſtes, ſo as the ſaide admirall might helpe & relieue him with that ii.M. pound with the intereſt at your maieſties hãd as a debt vnto himſelfe. And alſo with ii.M.viii.C. pound whiche the ſaid Admirall ought in dede to the ſaid Sharington, amounting in the whole to v.M.vi.C. pound, which bill moſt vntruly & to ẏ opẽ maintenance and fauour of the ſaid Sharington, the ſaid Lord Admirall affirmed before the ſaid Lord protector and your highnes counſaile, to be a true bill, and the ſame ii.M.viii.C. pounde with the intereſt to be his iuſt debt. and ſo was taken, vntill the ſaide Sharington, him ſelfe confeſſed and affirmed the truthe, whereby the couin and falſhed plainely appeared to the contrary.

Finally moſt gratious ſoueraigne Lord, it were to much and ouer tedious to moleſt and trouble your excellent Maieſtie, either with the remẽbrance of his euill dooinges in his office of the Admiraltie, wherin he hath ſo manifeſtly receipted, mainteined, aided & comforted ſũdry pirates, and taken to his owne vſe the goodes piratouſly taken againſt your lawes, and expreſſely againſt the orders determined by the Lorde Protector & the whole Counſaile, wherunto his owne hand hath bene

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for the restitution of them: whereby he hath moued, almost all Princes Christian, to conceiue a grudge and displeasure, and by open warres, to seeke remedies at their owne handes, to the great trouble, and daũger of your maiestie, your realmes and dominions, and to the great charge, losse, and disquiet of your moste louyng and faythfull subiectes, and to the perill of breakinge of the Leagues, and treates of amitie, betwixt your maiestie & other forein princes, as their Ambassadours, here haue plainly declared, and as present experience teacheth. Or to expresse hys vnmenerable vntruthes, falshodes, and deceitfull practises, discouering & opening of your maiesties counsailes, refusal to serue youre highnes, as hee hathe been commaunded, oppression, and manifest extorcyon of your maiesties subiectes vsyng Islande, and other voyages by the sea: and his determination of reuenge towardes all men, with whom hee was offended, whiche his owne letters, and other testimonies, doe declare against him with a full resolucion, to haue put the whole of his intent, shortly in experience and execucion, if God had not preuented it, to the destruction of your most royal persone, and the subuersion, and alteration of the whole state of your realmes, and dominions: Wherefore considering a swell that he is a member so vnnaturall, vnkynde and corrupt, and such a heinous offendour of your maiestie and your lawes, as he cannot, nor may conueniently be suffered to remayne in the bodye of your graces common wealth, but to the extreme daunger of your highnes, being the head, and of all the good members of the same, and is to pernicious, and daungerous an example, that such a persone, so muche bound, and so forgetfull of it, so mercifully heretofore entreated, and by sundrye and great benefites allured and called, and so cruellye and ingrately, continuing in his false and trayterous intentes and purposes, against your highnes, and the whole estate of your realme, shoulde remayne emong vs.

It may therefore please your excellent maiestie, that it may bee enacted with your highnes assent, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parlement assembled, and by thaucthorytie of the same: That the saide Sir Thomas Seymour knight, Lorde Seymour of Sudley, hygh Admyrall of England, for the saide trayterous offences, and dedes, shalbe by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, aiudged and attainted of high treason. And that the same Sir Thomas Seymour knight, lord Seymour of Sudley, high Admirall of England, shall haue, suffer, and susteine, suche peynes of death, as in cases of high treason, haue been vsed and accustomed: And also that the sayed Lord Seymour of Sudley shall forfait and lose to your maiesty, and your heires, all suche Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, medowes, leases, pastures, woods, waters, rentes, reuersions, seruices, offices, fees, annuities, and all other hereditamentes, goods, cattalles, and debtes, whatsoeuer the same Lord Seymour had, enioyed, or was

seazed, or possessed of, in the .xvii. day of January, in the seconde yere of your graces raigne, or at any time since.

And that all suche Castels, mannours, landes, tenements; medowes, leasues, pastures, woods, waters, rentes, reuersions, seruices, offices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes, to be, by auctoritie of this present act, adiudged, vested, and deemed, in the actual and realle possession of your highnes from the saide .xvii. day of January, without anye office or inquisicion, to be therefore had or found, sauing to all and euerye persone and persones, and bodies politique and corporate, and to their heires, assignes, and successors, and to euery of them, other then the said Lord Demor of Dudley, and his heires, all suche rightes, titles, interestes, vses, possessions, reuersions, remaynders, entres, condicions, leases, fees, offices, rentes, seruices, rentes charges, rents seeke, Annuities, commons, & all other commodities, profits, and hereditamentes whatsoeuer they, or anye of them, had, might, or ought to haue had, if this present act had neuer been had, or made.

Furthermore, the kinges maiestie is pleased, that it bee enacted, that all persons and persons, bodies politique and corporate, and their executours, & ministratours, shalbe well & truely contented & payde, vppon their humble suite, and petition hereafter to be made vnto his highnes of all such debtes, which eyther by especialtie, or by any other iust & true contract, the saide Lord Admirall did owe to them, or any of them at any time before the saide .xvii. day of January, in the saide seconde yere of his maiesties reigne.

The .xix. Chapiter.

An acte for the abstinence from flesshe.

AVoyde, the kinges subiectes, nowe hauing a more perfect, and clere light of the Gospell, and true woorde of God, throughe the infinite mercye, and clemencye of almightie God, by the handes of the kinges Maiestie, and his moste noble father, of famous memory, promulgate, shewed, declared, and opened, and thereby perceiuyng that one day, or one kinde of meat of it selfe, is not more holye, more pure, or more cleane then another for that all dayes, and all meates, bee of their nature of one equall purity, cleanes, and holines, and that all men shoulde by them liue, to the glory of God, and at all times, and for all meates, geue thankes vnto him, of whiche meates, none can defile Christian men, or make them vncleane at anye time to whom all meates be lawfull and pure, so that theye bee not vsed in disobedience, or vyce: Yet forasmuche, as dyuers of the kinges subiectes, turning their knowledge therein to satisfie theire sensualitie, where they shoulde thereby increase in vertue, haue of late time more then in tymes paste, broken and contempned suche abstynence, whiche

which haue been vsed in this Realme, vpon the Frydayes and Saterdaies, the Embring daies, and other daies commonlye called Vigilles, & in the time commonlye called Lent, and other accustomed times: the kinges maiestie considering, that due & godlye abstinence, is a meane to vertue, and to subdue mens bodies, to their soule & spirit, & considering also specially that Fishers, and men vsing the trade of liuing, by Fishing in the Sea, may thereby the rather be set on worke, and that by eating of fyshe, muche Flesshe shalbe saued and increased, and also for dyuers other consideracions and commodities of this realme, dothe ordeyn and enacte, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all manner of statutes, lawes, constitucions, & vsages, concerning anye manner of fastyng or abstinence from anye kyndes of meates, heretofore in this realme made or vsed, shall from the first day of Maye next ensuing, lose their force and strength, and bee voyde, and of none effecte. And also that no persone or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion, he or they bee, shal at any time after the said first day of Maye, in the yere of our Lorde God .M.D.xlix. willingye and wyttyngly eate anye maner of flesshe, after what manner of kynde or sorte, it shalbe ordred, dressed, or vsed, vpon any Fryday, or Saterday, or ỳ Embring dayes, or in anye daye, in the tyme commonly called Lent, nor at anye suche other daye, as is, or shalbee at anye tyme hereafter commonlye accepted and reputed as a Fyshe daye, within this Realme of Englande, wherein it hath been commonly vsed for to eate fyshe, & not flesshe, vppon peyne that euerye persone, eating any maner of flesshe vpon anye of the saide dayes or tymes, prohibited by this acte, to forfeyte for the saide first offence, tenne shillinges of lawefull money of Englande, and also to suffer imprisonment, by the space of tenne dayes, and during the time of his or her sayde emprisonment, to abstayne from eatinge of anye maner of flesshe.

And if anye persone, after he shalbe lawfullye conuict of anye offence contrary to this act, do eftsones offend, contrary to this act, and be thereof lawfully conuict, that then euery person so offending the second time shall for his second offence, forfait .xx.s. of lawful money of Englande, & also suffer emprisonment, by the space of .xx. dayes, and duryng the time of his or her sayde imprisonment, to abstayne from eating of anye maner of flesshe, and suche paine and imprisonment, as often as hee or she afterwardes shall offende.

And furthermore, it is ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that Justyces of Gaole delyuerye, or Justyces of peace, in all and singuler counties, cities, townes corporate, and other places within this realme of England, and other the kinges dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to enquire, heare, and determine, all and all maner offences that shalbe committed or done, contrary to this acte, in

lyke maner & fourme, as they maye inquire, heare, and determyne anye trespas, or other offence, against ẏ kinges peace, cōmitted or done, within the limits or place, where they then shalbe Justyces of Gaole deliuery, or Justices of peace, And the moytie of euery such forfeiture, shalbee extreated into the court of thexchequer, in like manner and fourme, as fines for any trespas, or other offence, cōmitted against the kings peace, ought or should be extreated: And the other moyty of the said forfeiture shalbe to him that will sue for the same, by byll, playnte, informacion, or otherwise, in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in which no essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

Prouyded alwaies, and be it ordeyned and enacted, by thaucthority aforesaide, that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in anye wise extend to any person or persons, that heretofore hath, or hereafter shall haue obteyned, any licence of our soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successours, nor to any person being in great age, and in debilitie, and weakenes thereby, nor to any person being sicke, or notably hurte, without fraude or couine, during the time of his or her sayde sickenesse, nor to any woman being with childe, or liyng in childe bed, for eating of such one kinde of fleshe, as she shall haue great lust vnto, nor to anye person being in prison, for any other offence, then for any offence, contrarye to this act, neyther to any that is, or hereafter shalbe the kings highnes Lieutenant, deputie, or captaine of any his maiesties army, hold, or fortresse, but the same, them selues maye eate fleshe, and licence and permyt their souldiours, to do the same in times prohibited, vpon the want and lacke of other kinde of victuall, neyther shal extend to Saint Laurence euen, saint Markes day, or any other daye or euen, being abrogate, neyther to any such as heretofore haue obteyned any licence, in due fourme of the Archbishop of Caunterbury.

And further, be it enacted by aucthority aforesaid, that al Archbishops Bishops, Archdeacons, and their officers, or the officers of any of them, shall haue power to enquire of thoffendors, in the premisses, and presēt the same to such frō time to time, as by vertue of this acte, haue aucthoritie tō heare, and determine the same.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted, that no manner of persone or persones, be empeched, molested, or troubled, or shall incurre anye peine, penaltie, or forfeiture, for any offence cōtrary to the act, before rehersed, cōmitted or done, except he or they be accused, conuented, or indicted, of, & for the said offence, according to the tenor of this statute, within three moneths, next after the cōmitting of the said offence.

¶ The .xx. Chapiter.

¶ An act for the qualifying of the statute of Recusantes.

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Where in the Parliament holden vppon prorogacyon at Westminster the third day of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of the reigne of the most excellent prince kinge Henrye the eight, father to oure souereigne lorde the kinges maiestye that nowe is, amongst other thinges concernyng the payment of one annuall pencion of the tenthe parte of all possessions of the churche, spirituall and temporall, graunted to the kynges hyghnes and his heires, it was enacted, ordeined, and established, that euerye ecclesiastical persone, and other, hauing anye ecclesiastical promocion, or dignitie specified in the said acte, whiche did not duely paye the saide tenth parte, and by reason thereof, were certified by tharchebishop, Bishop, or other, auctorised in the saide acte, shoulde vpon suche certificate made, according to the tenour of the saide acte, be iudged, depriued, ipso facto of all suche dignities, and promocions spirituall, that anye suche incumbent making suche default, had at the time of suche certificate made, or at any time after, as by the saide acte more plainely may appeare: Forasmuche as the peyne limitted in the saide statute, in suche fourme and maner, as in the same is expressed, is verye sore and daungerous, vnto all the faythefull and obedient subiectes of the clergie, whereof dyuers sithen the making of the saide statute, entendinge none otherwise, then most willingly, and wyth good hart that payment shoulde be made, of the saide tenthes by them due, without fraude or delay, to such officers and that at suche time as by the saide statutes is appointed, and declared, by the default & negligence of theire fermours, & other whom they haue trusted, to make payment therof, & by diuers other sinister meanes being certified, or making default of payment, haue encurred the peine, & daunger of the saide statute with the losse or depriuacions, of all the spirituall promocions, wherof they were then incumbentes, being also made vnhable to take any other to the vtter vndoing of suche persones, and the like perill and daunger of many other the kynges most humble, and faythfull subiects, of the clergie, against whom the like thinges may be practised, & attempted hereafter: for the moderacion of whiche pein, and to thend that the kinges maiestie, our souereigne lord that now is, and his heires and successors, may bee truelye aunswered, and satisfied, of the saide yerely pencion or annual rent for the tenth part, vnitied and knitte to his Imperiall crowne, in maner and fourme, as in the said act is conteyned.

The kinges saide faithfull, and most obedient subiectes, the clergye of this realme, doe most humbly beseche his maiesty, that it maye be enacted, and established by his highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same: That if anye somme of the sayde annuall pention, being once due, and demaũded, according to the maner and fourme specifyed in the saide act, be not truely contented and payde vnto suche

Archbishop,or Bishop,or theire ministers and officers,or to suche other persone or persones,or their ministers,or seruauntes,as shall haue the charge and collection therof,euery yere yereiye,at the time of the sayde acte,expressed,and therupon certificat made,into the kynges maiestyes court of firste fruites and tenthes,in writinge vnder the seales of anye Archbishoppe,or Bishoppe,or of suche as be limitted,and charged to the collection of the saide pencion,by the saide former acte,then euerye Incumbent so making defaulte and certified,shalbe iudged depryued ipso facto,of that onely dignitie,benefice,or other ecclesiastycall promocyon by what name soeuer it be called,whereof suche certificat shalbe made, So that suche dignitie,benefice,or other ecclesiastical promocion,whereof any Incumbent making suche defaulte of payment,shalbe adiudged, depriued,as is aforesaide,shalbe clerely voyd,destitute of incumbent,in the lawe,to all intentes,and purposes,as if suche Incumbent,makyng suche default of payment,were dead in deede: And that no Incumbent making suche default of payment,shalbe therefore made vnable to take or enioy any other benefice or promocion spiritual,or incurre any penaltie,forfeiture,or losse,to be payd by thē,their executors,or assignes,for the same default,other then in this present acte is heretofore expressed: any thing in the said former act,or any other statuts,or actes,conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouyded alway,that the saide former act,concernyng the payment of the said yerely rent,and pencion,amounting to the tenthe parte of euery such dignitie,benefice,or promocion spirituall,and euery other act touching the same,& al articles,clauses,& sentences in thē or any of thē, mencioned,expressed,or conteined,nowe being in his,or their force,and effect,other then such as by this present act be already qualifyed,or moderated,shall stande and abyde in al his,or their full strength,effect and vertue,any thing in this present act conteined,notwithstanding.

¶ The xxi. Chapiter.

¶ An act to take away all positiue Lawes, made against the mariage of Priestes.

ALthough it were not onely better,for the estimacio of priestes,& other ministers in ỳ church of God,to liue chaste,sole,& seperate frō the companye of women,& the bonde of mariage,but also therby they might the better intende to the administracion of ỳ Gospel,& be lesse intricated & troubled with ỳ charge of household being free & vnburdened,frō the care & cost of finding wyfe & children: And that it were most to be wished,that they wouldē willingly & of their selues,endeuoure themself to a perpetuall chastitye,

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and abstinence, from the vse of women: yet forasmuche as the cõtrary hath rather been seene, and suche vncleannes of liuing, and other great inconueniences, not mete to be rehearsed, haue folowed of cõpelled chastitie, & of such lawes, as haue prohibited those (such persons) the godlye vse of mariage: It were better and rather to bee suffered in the commõ wealth, that those which could not conteine, shoulde after the counsayle of Scripture, liue in holy mariage, then feynedly abuse with worse enormitie outward chastitie, or single life: Be it therefore enacted by oure Souereigne Lorde the king, wyth the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that all and euerye Lawe, and Lawes, Positiue, Cannones, Constitucions, and Ordinances, heretofore made by aucthoritie of man onely, which doth prohibite, or forbidde mariage to anye ecclesiasticall or spirituall persone or persones, of what estate, condicion or degree they be, or by what name or names soeuer they bee called, whiche by Goddes lawe maye lawfullye marye, in all and euery article, braunche, and sentence, concerning onely the prohibicion for the mariage of the persones aforesaide, shalbee vtterlye voyde, and of none effecte. And that all maner of forfeytures, peynes, and penalties, crymes, or actions, whiche were in the saide Lawes conteined, and of the same did folowe, concerninge the prohibicion for the mariage of the persones aforesaide, be clerely, and vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, aswell concerning mariage heretofore made, by anye of the ecclesiasticall, or spirituall persons aforesaide, as also suche whiche hereafter shalbe duelye and lawefullye had, celebrate, and made, betwixt the persones, which by the lawes of God, may lawfully mary.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extende, to geue any libertie to any persone, to mary without asking in the church, or without any ceremonie, being appointed by the Order prescribed and set forth in the boke entitled, The boke of the common prayer, & administracion of the Sacraments &c. any thing aboue mencioned to the contrary, in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that this acte, or any thing therein cõteined, shal not extend to alter, chaunge, reuoke, repel, or otherwise to disanull anye decree, iudgement, sentence, or deuorce heretofore had, or made, but that al & euery such decree, iudgement, sentence, and deuorce, shall remaine, and be of suche like force, effect, strength, and degree, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as they were in, before the making of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had ne made: This acte, or any other thing therin conteyned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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¶The.xxii.Chapiter.

¶An acte for the colouring of customes in other mens names.

WHere at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the firste yeare of the reigne, of the noble kyng of famous memory, Henry the eight, it was ordeyned, established, and enacted, by the auctho*r*itie of the sayde parliament, that it shoulde be leful from thencefo*r*th, that euerye Englisheman, and all other the kynges Subiectes, myght in euerye Porte, or Hauen within thys Realme of Englande, Irelande, and Wales, and the Marches of the same, and in the Towne of Barwicke, where it shoulde happen anye Merchaundise to arrye, or to bee charged and caryed oute, to custome in his name, all maner of goods, and Merchaundise, of another Englisheman, or the kinges Subiecte. And in like fourme euerye Merchaunt straunger, to custome in his name anye goods, or Merchaundise, of anye other Merchaunt straunger, so that the sayde Merchaunt Straunger, that customes the gooddes of another Merchaunt Straungier, and the verye owner of Proprietorye, of the goods so customed, bee charged wyth lyke custome, subsidye, and other things, so that the kinges grace, were not defrauded of his righte. And if anie Merchaunt, Straungier, or denison, or anye other the kynges Subiecte, custome anye goodes, or Merchaundise, of anye other straunger, or denizen, or of anye other the kynges subiecte, whereby the kynges grace should lose his custome, Subsidy, or other his right or duetie, that then the saide merchaunt straungier, or denizen, or anye other the kinges subiect, that so taketh vpon hym, or them to do, shoulde forfeit to the kyng, the goodes or Merchaundyse, so customed, and ouer that, to forfeit to the partie or parties in that behalfe grieued, as muche money as the goodes or merchaundise of the merchaunt straungier, denyzen or other the kinges subiecte, so cautelously customed, amounted vnto. And that no citizen of London, or other the kinges subiectes inhabyting in the cinque Portes, or any other being free of Prisage, or Butlarage, of Wines, by Graunt, custome, or otherwise, shoulde custome no wynes, of anye persone or persones, not being free of anye Prisage, or Butlarage: And if any person, free of the sayde Prisage, or Butlarage so dyd, that then the saide persone or persones, that so did, shoulde forfeit to the king, the double value of the Prisage of the sayde wines so Customed. And further, that it should be lawfull to any person, or persones grieued contrary to the said act, to haue an action of debte, againe any person or

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persones that so customed the goodes, or merchaundises in hys name, and not in the owners name, of the some of the value, of the sayde merchaundise, so customed and forfeited. In the which action, none essoine, nor protection should lye, nor the defendaunt to wage his lawe, as by ỹ saide former acte, more at large doth appeare. Sithens the makynge of whiche acte, diuers persons, aswell Straungers, and denizens, as the kinges subiectes, forgetting their bounden dueties to the kinges hyghnes, & nothing fearinge the penalties and forfeitures, mencioned in the saide former acte, doe daylye deceiue the king, aswell in his customes, & subsedies, by paiment of customes and Subsedies, in the names of such persones, other then such as be the very owners, or proprietaries of the goods, wares, & merchaundise, of the prisage and Butlarage of wynes due to the king: Wherefore, be it ordeined and enacted by the king oure souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that if anye straunger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, or anye the kinges subiectes, do at anye time, from, or after the laste day of Marche next comming: any thing or act, contrary to the true meaning, tenor, and purporte, of the same former acte and statute, that then he and they so offending, shall lose & forfait all his and their own goods, and cattalles personalles forever: The moytye of whyche forfayture, shalbe to the king, and the other moytie to him or them that will sue for the same, by bill, plaint, action of debt, or informacio, in which bill, plaint accion, or informacion, no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection, shalbee admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauthoritie abouesaid, that euery such bill, plaint, action, or informacion, shalbe had & pursued, within.iii. yeres next ensuing, any such offence committed or done, or els the offendor to be clerely free, and discharged therof: any lawe or statute, to the contrary had or made, notwithstanding.

¶ The xxiii. Chapiter.

¶ An act for the repeale of a statute, touching precontractes.

WHereas in the xxxii. yere of the reigne of the late kynge of famous memorye, kynge Henrye the eyght, because that manye inconuenyences hadde chaunced in thys Realme, by breakyng and dissolutinge of good and lawfull maryages, yea, whereuppon also, sometyme issue and chyldren hadde followed, vnder the colour and pretence, of a former contracte made with another, the whyche contracte diuers tymes was but verye sclenderlye prooued, and often, but surmysed by the malice of the partie, who desyred to bee dissolued from the maryage whyche they liked not, & to be coupled with another: there was an acte made

made, that all & euerye suche mariages, as within the churche of England, shoulde be contracted & solempnized, in the face of the churche, and consūmate with bodyly knowledge, or fruite of children or childe, being had betwene the parties so maried, shoulde be, by aucthoritie of ỹ saide parliament, demed, iudged, & taken, to bee lawfull, good, iust, & indissoluble, notwithstanding any precontract, or precontractes of matrimony not consūmate with bodely knowledge, which eyther of the persons so maried, or bothe, had made with anye other persone or persones, before the time of contracting that mariage whiche is solempnized or consummated, or whereof suche fruite is ensued, or maye ensue, as by the same act more plainly may appere: Sith the time of the which act, although the same was godly meant, the vnrulinesse of men, hath vngodlye abused the same, and diuers inconueniences (intollerable in maner, to christian eares and eyes) folowed therupon, women & men, breaking theire owne promises & faithes made by the one vnto the other, so set vppon sensualitie and pleasure, that if after the contract of matrimonye, theye might haue, whom they more fauoured and desired, they coulde be contented by lightnes of theire nature, to ouerturne all that they had done afore, & not afeard in maner, euen from the very churche dore, and mariage feast, the man to take another spouse, and the espouse to take another husband, more for bodely lust, & carnall knowledge, then for suerty of faith & truethe, or hauing God in their good remembraunce, cōtempning manye times also, the commaundement of the Ecclesiastical iudge forbidding the parties hauing made the contract, to attempt or do anye thing in preiudice of the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kings highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that as concerning precontractes, the sayde former statute shall from the first day of Maye next comming, cesse, bee repeled, and of no force or effecte, and be reduced to the estate, & order of the kinges Ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme, which immediately before the makinge of the saide estatute, in this case were vsed in thys realme: so that from the saide first day of Maye, when anye cause or contract of mariage, is pretended to haue been made, it shalbee lawefull to the kinges Ecclesiasticall Judge, of that place, to heare, and examyne the saide cause: And (hauing the saide contract sufficiētly, and lawfully proued before him) to geue sentence for matrimonye, commaunding solempnizacion, cohabitacion, consummacion, and tractacion, as it becommeth man and wife to haue, with inflicting all such peynes vpon the disobedients and disturbers thereof, as in times paste, before the saide statute, the kinges ecclesiastical Judge, by the kinges ecclesiastical lawes, ought, and might haue done, if the saide statute had neuer beene made: any clause, article, or sentence in the saide statute, to the contrary in anie wise notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwayes, and bee it enacted, that thys acte doe not extende

tend to disanull, dissolue, or breake, any mariage, that hath, or shalbe so solempnizated, & consumated, before the saide first daye of Maye nexte ensuing, by title or colour of any precõtract, but that they be, and bee demed of like force, & effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had ne made, anye thinge in this present acte notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte do not extende to make good anye of the other causes, to the dissolucion, or disanulling of matrimony, which bee in the said act spoken of, and disanulled. But that in all other cases, and other things there mentioned, the saide former act, of the .xxvii. yeare of the late king of famous memory, do stand & remaine in his full strength & power: any thing in this act notwithstanding.

¶ The .xxiiii. Chapiter.

¶ An act for the triall of Murders, and Felonies, committed in seuerall countyes.

FOrasmuch as, the moste necessary Office, and duetye of Lawe, is to preserue, and saue the life of man, and condignely to punishe such persons, that vnlawfully, & wilfully murder, slea, or destroye men, and also that another office and duetie of Law is, to punish robbers, and theeues, whiche daylye endeuour themselues, to robbe and steale, or geue assistance to the same, & yet by crafte and cautile, doe escape from the same, withoute punishement. And where it often happeneth, and commeth in vre, in sundry counties of this realme, that a man is feloniously striken in one countie, and after dyeth in another countye, in whiche case it hath not ben founden by the lawes, or customes of this realme, that anye sufficient indictment thereof can be taken in anye of the saide two counties, for that by ỹ custome of this realme, the Iurrours of the countie, where suche party dyed of suche stroke, can take no knowledge of the saide stroke, being in a forein countie, although the same two counties, and places, adioine very nere together: Ne the Iurrours of the county, where the stroke was geuen, cãnot take knowledge of the death in another countie, although such death most apparauntly, come of the same stroke: So that the kynges maiesty, within his owne realme, cannot by any lawes yet made or knowen, punishe suche murderers or manquellers, for offences in thys forme committed and done, nor any appele at sometime maye lye for the same, but doth also fayle, and the sayde murderers and manquellers escape therof without punishment, aswel in cases where ỹ coũties, where such offences be committed, and done, maye ioyne, as otherwise where they may not ioyne. And also it is a common practise, amongste arrant theeues and robbers in this Realme, that after theye haue robbed or stollen in one Countie, they will conueyghe theire spoyle, or parte therof so robbed and stollen, vnto some of theire adherents, into some

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other countie, where the principal offence was not committed or done, who knowing of suche felonye, willingly and by false couine, receiueth the same: In whiche case, although the principall felon be after attaynted in the one countye, the accessory escapeth, by reason that he was accessorye in another Countie, and that the Iurrours of the sayde other countie, by anye lawe yet made, can take no knowledge of the principall felonye, ne attaynder in the firste countie, and so suche accessories escape thereof vnpunished, and doe often put in vre the same, knowinge that they may escape without punishment. For redresse and punishement of which offences, and safegard of mannes life: Be it enacted by aucthority of this present parlement, that where any persone or persones hereafter shalbe feloniously striken, or poysoned in one countie, and dye of the same stroke or poysoning, in another countie, that then an Inditement thereof founden, by Iurrors of the county, where the deathe shall happen, whether it shalbe founden before the Crowner, vpon the syghte of suche dead bodye, or before the Iustices of peace, or other Iustices, or commissioners, which shal haue aucthoritie to inquire of such offences, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, as if the stroke or poysonynge had beene committed and done in the same countye, where the partye shall dye, or where suche Indictment shalbe so founden: anye law or vsage, to the contrary notwithstandinge. And that the Iustices of Gaole deliuery, and Oyer and terminer, in the same countie, where suche Indictment at any time hereafter shalbee taken: And also the Iustices of the kinges Benche, after suche indictment shalbe remoued before them, shall and may procede vppon the same, in all pointes, as they shoulde or ought to doe, in case suche felonious stroke, and death thereby ensuyng or poysoning, & deathe therof ensuyng, had growen in all one same countie. And that such party, to whom appele of murder, shalbe geuen by the lawe, may commense, take, and sue appeale of murdre, in the same countie, where the party so feloniously striken, or poysoned, shall dye, as well against the principall and principalles, as agaynst euery accessory to the same offences, in whatsoeuer countie or place, the accessorye or accessories, shalbee gyltie to the same. And further, the Iustyces before whom any such appele shalbe commenced, sued, and taken, within the yere and day after such murdre & manslaughter, committed and done, shall procede against all and euery suche accessorye and accessoryes, in the same countie, where such appele shalbe so taken, in like manner & fourme, as if the same offence or offences, of accessorie or accessories, had been committed and done in the same countie, where such appele shalbe so taken aswell concerning the triall by the Iurrors, or .xii. men, of suche county, where suche appele or appeles, shalbee hereafter taken vppon the plee of not gyltie, pleaded by such offendour or offendours, as otherwise.

And further, bee it enacted by aucthorytye aforesayde, that where any murther or felony, hereafter shalbe committed & done, in one countye

tie, and an other person or moe shalbe accessory, or accessories in any maner of wise, to any suche murther, or felony in anye other Countye, that then an endictment founde or taken against such accessory & accessories vpon the circumstaunce of suche matter before the iustices of the peace, or other Justices or Commissioners, to enquire of felonies in the countye where such offences of accessorie or accessories in any maner of wise shalbe committed or done, shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe as if the said principal offence had bene committed or doone within the same countie, where the same endictment against such accessory shalbe found. And that the iustices of gaole deliuerye, or Oyer and Terminer, or two of them, of, or in such countie, where the offence of any such accessory shall be hereafter committed and done, vpō sute to them made, shal write to the Custos rotulorum, or keepers of the Recordes, where such principall shalbe hereafter attainted or conuict, to certifie them whether such principal bee attainted, conuicted, or otherwise discharged of such principal felony, who vpon suche writing to them, or anye of them directed, shall make sufficient certificat in writing vnder theire Seale or Seales to ỳ same Justices, whether such principall be attainted, conuicted, or otherwise discharged, or not. And after that they so shal haue the custodye of suche Recordes, do certifie that suche principall is attainted, conuicted, or otherwise discharged of such offence by the lawe: That then the Justices of gaole deliuery, or of Oyer and Terminer, or other their auctorised, shal procede vpon euery such accessorie, in the county where suche accessorie or accessories became accessorie, in such maner and fourme, as if both the said principal offence and accessorye had beene committed & done in the said Countie, where the offence of accessory was or shalbee committed or done. And that euery such accessorie and other offendors aboue expressed, shal aunswere vpon theire arraignements, and receiue suche trial, iudgement, order, and execution, and suffer such forfaitures, peines & penalties, as is vsed in other cases of felonye, any lawe or custome to the contrary heretofore vsed, in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ The.xxb. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the keping of the Countie dayes.

WHere heretofore the most part of all shires & cōsities within this realme, the countie court is & hath bene vsually kept & holden frō moneth to moneth, & so at euery moneths ende one Countie, yet albeit in some Countries (though not many) ỳ said cōsitie courtes are holden from .vi. weekes, to .vi. weekes, by force wherof the officers award out proces, aswell of the Kynge, as proces for the peace, oute of the Kynges Benche, as also other common proces betwixt partie and partie, and the Attorneyes

& solicitors (who sue the same) not knowing the priuat custom of their particuler shieres, whiche haue and vse theire Counties to bee holden euery sixe wekes, geue their pres like returne as in those shires whiche haue commune custome to holde, and kepe Countie Courtes euery moneth, wherby the kynges suites be not onely deferred, & pleintiles & demaundauntes delaied of theire lawful action and demaundes, but also the sayde plaintifes and demaundauntes thereby put to double coste & charge, to the great ignominie and slaunder of the lawe, encouraginge of thoffendours and trãsgressours, and to the continuall impouerishing of all those, who haue cause of sute,

In consideration wherof, be it enacted by the kyng oure souereigne Lord, the Lords spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that frõ and after the firste daye of October next ensuing this present session of parlament, no countie court or courtes, hereafter to be kept within this Realme shalbe longer deferred but one moneth from court to court, & so the sayde Courtes from henceforth shalbe kept euery moneth, & none other wise: Any vsage, custome, statute, or lawe, heretofore had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ And bee it further enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the shirife of Northumb. from thenceforth shall kepe the countie courte of that shyre in the Towne or castle of Alnewike, and in none other place: Any late vse lately begonne and brought in to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ The xxvi. Chapiter.

¶ An act against the carieng of white Ashes out of this Realme.

Considringe that white Ashes made within the realme, and other the kynges dominions and territories, are verye necessarie and expedient for the makinge of Sope, and Salte Peter, and for the whiting of linnẽ Clothe, Dyenge, and Showzing of wollen clothe, & for other nedeful thinges in the Realme, and that the same Ashes nowe of late haue beene commonlye conueighed ouer the Seas, and thereby enhaunced in price, and so skarce that the kynges louinge subiectes, cannot haue sufficient of the same, for anye conuenient prices: Wherefore bee it ordeined and enacted by the kynges highenesse, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the Commons in this presente Parlamente assembled, and by

by the aucthoritie of the same, that no persone or persons, after the first day of Aprill next comming, shal shippe, lade, carie, or conuey, any white Ashes, towardes the parties beyond the Seas, vpon paine of forfeiture of sixe shillinges. viii. d. for euery bushel of such Ashes, so to be shipped or laded, to bee caried or conueighed into the parties beyond the seas: The moitie of which forfaiture, shalbe to the king, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, in any of the kynges Courtes of recorde, by action, bill, plaint, or information in the which action, bill, plainte, or informacion, no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbee admitted, or allowed.

¶ The. xxvii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte against the false forging of Gaddes of Steele.

Where diuerse persones of late, haue deceiptfully forged and made of a certain yron, called Bilbow yron like to the fashion & maner of Gaddes of Steele, & haue solde the same so forged to diuers of the kings subiectes for Steele, whereby the greatest parte of edged tooles, weapons, and other necessary things hauing edges, are of litle or no value or goodnes, to the greate hurte of the Kynges louinge Subiectes: For reformacion whereof, bee it enacted by the kynges highenes, by the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in thys presente Parlament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that yf anye person after the firste daye of Maye next comming, doe forge, or make anye suche Gaddes of yron, or do vtter or put to sale anye suche Gaddes of anye yron, shall forfeyte for euerye Gadde so forged or vttered, or put to sale, foure pence, the moitie of whiche forfaiture shalbee to the kynge, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of Record, by action, bill, plainte, or information, in the whiche action, bill, plaint, or informacion, no wager of lawe, proteccion or essoine, shalbee allowed or admitted.

¶ The. xxviii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for Fines with Proclamations in the Countie Palantine of Chester.

IN humble wise shewen vnto your excellent Maiesty your true and faithful subiectes and Liegemen thinhabitaunts of your graces countie Palētine of Chester: That whereas hertofore by aucthoritie of parlament, diuers necessary & beneficiall estatutes haue bene made for and concerninge the leuyenge of fines with proclamation, which are not only necessary for the preseruation of quietnesse & cōcorde amongst your louing subiects, and for the auoiding of strife and contention, but also for the great and perfect assuraunce of all suche persones, to whom anye suche fines is leuied of anye landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche saide beneficiall and necessary estatutes doe not extende to anye fines to bee leuied within your saide Countie Palantine of Chester: In tender consideracion whereof, pleaseth it your most excellent Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your highnes, and the Lordes spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parlament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that all and singuler fines whiche at any time hereafter shalbe leuied or knowledged before the highe Justice of oure souereigne Lord the kyng, or of his heirs and successours, of his County Palentine of Chester for the time being, or befor the Deputie or Liuetenant, Justice there for the time beinge, of anye landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the saide Countie Palantine of Chester, whiche shalbe openly redde and proclaimed three seueral dayes in the open Sessions, in the presence of the Justice of the said Countie Palentine of Chester for the time beinge, or before the Deputie, or Liuetenaunt Justice there at the same Sessions, that the same fine shall fortune to bee engrossed: And also that shalbe openly redde & proclamed in the presence of the Justice of the saide Countie Palētine of Chester, or before the deputie or Liuetenaunte, Justice there for the time beinge, at the two next generall sessions that shalbee holden in the said countie Palentine of Chester, before the Justices of the same coūtie Palentine, or before the Deputye or Lieuetenaunte Justice there, next after the leuyeng and engrossing of suche said fine at three seueral dayes in eyther of the said two sessions, after suche maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed in the kyngs court of common plees at Westminster, shalbee of like force strengthe and effect in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as fines being duely leuied with proclamacions before the kings Justices of hys common plees bee, or oughte to bee of.

¶ The. xxix. Chapiter.

¶ An acte against Sodomy.

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FOrasmuch as there is not at thys present tyme, anye sufficient and cõdigne punishement appointed by due course of the lawes of this Realme, for the detestable vice of Buggory. Be it therfore enacted by the assent of the kinges highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parlamente assembled, that all and euery offendor or offendors in that crime, after the firste daye of Aprill nexte ensuinge, beinge thereof conuicted or attainted by verdicte, confession, outlarye, or otherwise: shall suffer suche paines of death, without losse of goodes, or landes, or anye other commoditie, hys lyfe onely excepted, as felons conuicted or attainted of felony bene accustomed to doe, touching the said paines of death, by the common lawes of thys Realme. And that no suche person shal enioy the priuilege or benefite of his or their Clergie or sanctuarie: And that the Justices of Peace shall haue full power and aucthoritie within the limittes of their commission & iurisdictions, to heare & determine the said offence, touching the saide paines of death, as they doe & haue vsed to do in cases of felonye: Sauinge to the wife and children, y heires and successours and administratours of the saide offendour or offendours, and all other persones and bodies politique, other then the sayde offendour or offendours, all such right, title, clayme, and interest, to all and euery the saide offendour or offendours, goodes, landes, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them mighte haue or oughte to haue had, if the saide offendour or offendours had died his or theire naturall death, or had neither in this case, neither by anye other meane offended anye of the kynges lawes.

Prouided that no manet of person, bee impeched or molested for the saide offence by reason of this present act, except the said person bee endited of the saide offence within sixe monethes nexte and immediatlye folowing the time of committing the same. And that no person bee receiued for witnes, or to lay or geue euidence against the said offendour, as vpon whose credit thenquest should enfourme them selfe, which person, should take anye profit or commoditie by the deathe of the saide offendour, if he were attainted or conuicted of the sayde crime & offence. Nor that anye suche attaindour, shall take any corruption of bloude to the heire or heires of suche offendour or offendours.

¶ The.xxx. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the townes of Rie and Winchelsey, and for the casting of Ballaste into the Chambre.

Forasmuche as the inhabitauntes of the townes and portes of Rie, and Winchelsey in the county of Sussex, haue truely enfourmed the kynges most honorable counsaile, that the Herborowe and Roade, called the Camber, being nere to the saide Townes of Rye and Winchelsey (lyenge ouer againste the costes of Depe in Fraunce) in times past hathe bene a Herborow able to receiue .cc. or .iiii. saile of shippes, aswell in times of warre, as in time of peace. And being there, might not onely issue out therof at all times to encounter their enemies, but also in times of stormy winds might haue had rescue and good Herborough in the same, to the great safegarde of the kynges shippes and Marchauntes passinge to and fro vpon the narrowe seas. Yet now of late, not onely the said Harborowe and roade called the Cambre, but also all the Inne crekes neere vnto Rye and Winchesley aforesaide, partely by occasion of casting of ballast into the same Harborowe and crekes, and partlye because diuerse marishes inned, take in no water to scoure the channell, but let oute theire fresh water at gutters, so that at this present ꝑ channel there is choked, swared, and filled vp, that ther cannot ly in the same harborowe about xxx. or xl. sayle of ships, & yet the same ships cannot come into the same herborowe without great daunger. Therfore it is enacted and ordeyned by the king our souereigne Lord, the lordes spirituall and tẽporall, & the commons in thys present parlament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the Maiors and Jurates of Rye and Winchelsey, now being before the xx. day of Aprill next comming, shal appointe conuenient places, to lay on all ballast, that shalbe cast out of any hoy, shippe, crayer, boate, or other vessel, which after the first daye of Maye next cõming, shall come into, or within the said Harborow or roade, to thentẽt to receiue or take into it any freight or lading in those parties. And that all maner of ballast shalbe had, or cast out of any Hoye, shippe, Crayer, Boate, or other vessell, after the said first daye of Maye, shal by the persones beinge in euerye Hoy, ship, crayer, boate, or other vessell bee laide vpõ suche place as the saide Maiors and Jurates, or the more nõber of them shall appointe and assigne, and at no other place, vpon paine of forfaiture of .xl.s. of lawful monie of England, for the first parte or portion of ballast so cast ouer, and .xl.s. for euerye tonne of ballast, residue, beyng cast out of any Hoy, ship, crayer, Boate, or other vessell, contrarie to the forme aforesaid, thone halfe of euery somme so forfaited to bee to the king our soueraigne Lord, his heires & successours, & thother halfe to be to him that will sue for the same, in anye courte of Recorde in this realme, in which action, or suite, no essoine, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed. And it is further enacted and ordeined, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the Maior or Jurates of Rie, for the time being, and Maior and Jurates of Winchelsey for the tyme beinge, and

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euery of them, shal seuerally haue full power & aucthoritie to holde ple, and to heare & determine all and singuler actions, suites & complaintes in any wise, concerninge any acte or offence done or committed at anye time hereafter, contrary to the forme of thys present act, & to make execution vpon euery iudgement geuen in any of the said actions & sutes, aswell vpon the Sea, as vpon the Land, as by their discrecion shalbee thought conuenient.

¶ The.xxxi.Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the citie of Chester touching the taking of Recognisaunces.

IN theire most hũble wise shewed vnto your highnes your true, faithfull and obedient subiectes, the Maior, Aldremen, sherifes and comminaltie, of your graces citie of Chester, that where before thys tyme the Maiors of the said citie of Chester, were appointed and aucthorised, to take and receiue before the sayde Maiors, recognisaunces, accordinge to the statutes Marchaunt, and of Acton Burnel, wherupon were deliuered vnto the saide Maior by the kynges Maiesties progenitors, that then were, a speciall seale concerning the same, by force wherof the Maiors & other officers there appointed (tyme out of minde) haue continuallye vsed, & practised, to take recognisaunces, before them of statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnel and enrolled the same, which euer hitherto was allowed, permitted, and taken to be good and effectual in the lawe, vntill nowe of late that ambiguitie and doubt hath risen, by meanes of certeine sinistre persones, more for the defrauding of right, equitie, and iustice, then vpon anye good grounde or matter, for their priuate commoditie, because that in all points it doth not folowe and agree, according to all the straight woordes of the said statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnell, aswell to the great hurte and slaunder of the said citie, as also to the decaye of the Marchauntes, whiche haue, and shall lende theire liuinges, wares, and money, and greate boldnes of the boldnes of the creditors and dettors, to detcine the same in theire handes to the great decay of the saide citie: wherfore for thinconueniencie therof, & also for thauoiding of the saide ambiguitie and doubt, it may please your highnes, that it may be by your grace with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present Parlament assembled, ordeined, established, and enacted by thaucthoritie of the same, that all and euery suche recognisaunce of statutes Marchaunt, & Acton Burnell, which after the firste daye of Maye next comminge, shalbee taken knowledged, enrolled, had, and sealed, with the said Seale, appointed

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to the said citie of Chester, before the Maior of the same citie for ỳ time being, in like maner as heretofore the predecessors Maiors and other officers in the said citie haue accustomed, to take and enrolle and seale, shalbe as good, effectual and of force in the lawe, to all entẽts, constructions and purposes, as if the taking of suche recognisaunce did fully agree and accorde, to all entents and purposes, with the straight wordes of the said statutes of Acton Burnel, and the statute Marchaunt. And that vpon all certificates of the said Maiors hereafter like processe and execution to bee awarded & directed out of the hyghe courtes of chauncery and cõmen place, to all sherifes, Maiors, Bailifes, or other officers in Englande, or Wales, in as ample maner and fourme as is vsed elswhere within thys Realme, for any recognisaunce taken, vpon anye of the statutes aforesaide, any lawe, statute, libertie, fraunchises, or vsage had or vsed to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ The.xxxii. Chapiter.
¶ An act for the continuaunce of certaine statutes.

WHere in the Parlament begone and holden at Westminster the.xxxii. yere of the reigne of our late moste dreade soueraigne Lord kyng Henry the eight, and there by diuers Prorogations, continued vntill the xxiiii. daye of July, in the.xxxvi. yeare of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, there was one act made and established, for and concerning the reformation of mispleadinge, Jeofailes, and attorneyes, whiche said acte with the Prouiso, were made to endure vntill the last daye of the nexte Parlament. And where also at the Parlament holden at Westminster in the.xxxv. yeare of the reigne of oure saide late moste dreade soueraigne Lorde, one acte was made, that for none apparaunce in Juries to haue de circumstantibus. And in the Parlament holden at Westminster in the.xxxvii. yere of the reigne of oure sayde late moste dreade soueraigne Lorde kynge Henrye the eighte, the saide actes and either of them, were continued vntill the ende of the nexte Parlament. Be it enacted & established by the kyng oure soueraigne Lorde, the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the comunons in this present parlament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the acts aforesaid, and either of them, & all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euerye of them conteined, shall continue and endure in their force and strength for euer.

¶ The.xxxiii. Chapiter.
¶ An acte that no man stealing Horse or Horses shall enioy the benefite of hys clergy.

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FOrasmuche as it is, and hath beene ambiguous and doubtfull vpon the wordes mencioned in one acte of Parlament made the firste yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord the kyng, whether that any persone beinge in due fourme of the lawes founde giltie, or otherwise attainted or cõuicted for felonious stealing of one Horse, Gelding, or Mare, ought to bee admitted, to haue and enioy the priuilege and benefite of hys Clergie & sanctuarie: Therfore it is declared and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, and the Lordes and commons in thys present Parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same Parlamente, that all and singuler person and persons, felonously taking or stealing anye horse, gelding, or mare, shal not bee admitted to haue or enioy the priuilege or benefite of his or theire Clergie or Sanctuarye, but shalbee put from the same, in like maner and forme, as though hee or they had beene endited or appealed for felonious stealing of two horses, two geldings, or two mares, of any other, & thereupõ founde giltie, by the verdict of .xii. men, or cõfessed the same vpon their arrainement, or stand wilfully, or of malice muet.

¶ The .xxxiiii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the Sherife of Northumberland to be accomptable for his office, as other sherifes bee.

FOrasmuche as the sherifes of the countie of Northumberland, which haue bene named nowe of long tyme passed, haue not accompted to the kynges maiestie of ẏ issues & profits of their bailiwike, in ẏ kyngs highnes Eschequer, or els where, as other sherifes of the said Countie in olde time passed haue done, nor as ẏ sherifes of other Coũties of this realm do at thys time, but do yerely receiue & take ẏ hole profits therof to their own vses, to ẏ great detrimẽt & losse of ẏ kig our soueraine lord, both of his vicoũdels, & other farmes, aunswerable by the hands of ẏ said sherife, & of all other dets, issues, fines, & amerciamẽts, within the said countie, & of all alienations & intrusions, wardes, mariages, reliefes, & such other.

Wherfore be it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lord, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and tẽporal, and the cõmons in thys present Parlamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that from hencefoorth, all and euerye such person and persones as shalbe hereafter named to be sherife of the said countie of Northumberlande, forthwith before he receaue his patẽt, and before he doe exercise any part of ẏ said office, shal put in sufficient suerties by himselfe, or by his sufficiẽt deputy, or deputies, into the kings exchequer, ther to enter in recognisaũces

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in such somme, and vpon such conditions, as the lord threasorer and barons of the saide exchequer shal seme conuenient, in maner and fourme as al other Sherifes of other counties of this realme, do vpon paine of euery such Sherife making default to forfait to the kynges Maiestie an C.li. to bee leuied of his goodes and cattals, landes, and tenementes, whereso euer they maye bee founde, to the kynges hyghenes vse: And that the said Barons frō time to time, shal cause such proces to be made for the king, for the leuieng of the saide C.li. so to be forfaited to bee directed to suche person and persones, and in suche nature and sorte, as to them shal seme best for the king, for the leuiyng therof, any thing in this act, or in any other lawe, statute, vse, prouision, or custome, to the cōtrarye notwithstandinge.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the said authoritie, that anye such Shirife, being so bounden as is aboue said, shall not be accōptable but for his own time, & for the yere of his sherifwike only, neyther shall be charged, in, or vpon his accompt by any proces, with any arrerages, or duties due to the kynges Maiestie by anye his predecessoures in the saide office of shirif, any thing in this act, or any law, or vsage, or prerogatiue to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The.xxxv. Chapiter.
¶ An act for the confirmation of the Subsidie of the Clergie.

WHere the Prelates and the Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorbury, haue louingly and liberally for certaine considerations geeuen and graunted to the kynges Maiestie a subsidie of fiue shillinges of the pound, to bee taken and leuied of all and singuler the spiritual promotions, within the same Prouince, during the terme of thre yeares now next ensuing, in such certeyne maner, fourme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions specified and conteined in a certaine instrument, by them thereof made and deliuered to the kynges highenesse, vnder the Seale of the Archebishop of Cantorbury, as in the same instrument exhibited in this present Parlament more plainely it doth appeare: The tenour wherof ensueth in these woordes.

The Prelates & Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorburie, vpon certaine great and necessary cōsiderations among them purposed and debated, calling to remembraunce the most gratious and noble dispositiō of the kinges Maiestie their natural and most redoubted Soueraigne Lord, vnder whose happy and prudent regiment, they and all other his Hyghenes subiectes, euen from the beginninge of hys moste gracious raigne haue liued in safegarde, quietnesse, and suretie of theire bodies and goodes, oute of the daunger of inuasions, spoyles, depopulations,

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and destructions of anie forraine enemies, against whose malice for the suertie and defence both of them, and all other his subiects, his maiesty hath not spared to employ inestimable sõmes of his owne treasure and possessions by sundrie occasions, and namely by reason of the great and long warres which his grace hath iustely and most nobly mainteined, & in part victoriously achieued, both by Lande and Sea, against the Scottes rebelles to his highnes, and enemies of his most noble reigne, And considering also, that (next vnto God) they of the said Clergie bee most bounde to render to his maiestie their immortal and most humble thankes for many causes and benefites, and chiefly for the special quietnes whiche they doe presently enioye in the middest of the saide moste cruell and deadly warres, hauinge no let nor impediment to applie thẽselues to serue God, and studye in suche wyse, as to their vocations and duties appertaineth. And further considering, that the maintenaunce, furniture, expedition and honorable performaunce of the sayde warres yet continuing, and other his graces weighty and noble affayres, for ỹ publique weale of hys Realmes and subiectes, necessarilye requirethe great and inestimable charges and expences: The sayde Prelates and Clergie, therefore for a remembraunce and declaration of theire good willes, thankfull mindes, and bounden duties to hys hyghenesse, with one voice, and very hartye good will doe geeue and graunte by these presentes to his maiestie, towardes the saide great charges and costes one subsidie in maner and fourme folowinge: That is to saye, that euery Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendary, Pronost, Maister of Colleges, Maisters of Hospitalles, Persone, Vicar, & euery other persone and persones, of what soeuer name or degree, hee or they bee, enioying any spirituall promocion or other temporal possessions to the same Spirituall promocion annexed, now not deuided nor separate by acte of Parlament, or otherwise from the possessions of the Clergie, shall paye to the kynges hyghnesse for euery pound that he may yearely dispẽde by reason of the said spiritual promocion, the somme of fiue shillinges. And for the true and certeine knowledge of the yerely values of the said promocions & euery of thẽ whereof the paiment shalbe made, the rate, taration, and valuation, and estimation remaining of recorde in the kynges Maiesties Court of the first fruites and tenthes, for the paiment of the perpetual disme, concerning all suche promotions, as bee in possession of the Clergie, or any other not deuided by acte of Parlament, or otherwise as is aforesaid, shalbe folowed and obserued, without any making any valuatiõ, rate, taration, or estimacion other then in the saide recorde is compriſed.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenthe parte of the sayde valuation and tare before mencioned, is yerely paied to the kings highnes for the perpetuall disme, so as there remaineth onely nine partes to

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the incumbent clere, thys subsidie of .vi.s. the pound, shalbe vnderstand onely of the same nine partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes that no persone, that is already promoted to anye spirituall benefice, sithē the first day of October last past before the date hereof, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to anye spirituall benefice, on thys side the first day of October, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God .1551. shalbee contributorie, or charged to the kynges hyghenesse, with anye parte of thys Subsidie, duringe the firste yeare of his sayde promotion.

The sayde Prelates and clergie also do graunt, that thys subsidie of fyre .s. of the pound of the yerely value of euery promotion taxed as aforesaid, shalbe payed to the kinges Maiestie, within three yeares next ensuing the date hereof, that is to say .ii.s. of euery pound in euery of ỹ said thre yeres. The first paiment therof to be due & made at the firste daye of October next ensuing, which shalbe in ỹ yere of our Lord God, a thousand fiue hundreth .xlix. And the second paiment therof to be due and made on the said firste day of October then next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand fiue hundreth and fiftie. And the thirde paiment therof to be due and made in the sayde first day of October then next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand fiue hundreth fiftie and one, and to bee deliuered and paide yerely by suche as shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof to the threasorer of the kynges courte of first fruites and tenthes, or to any other person, whom it shall please the kynges Maiesty to appointe for the receipt therof, before the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord in euery of the saide three yeares.

Item the said Prelates and clergie also do graunt, that euery prieste, and all other persons hauing a pencion, by reason of the dissolution of anye the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guyldes, and hospitales, or any other corporation within the sayd prouince of Caumtorbury, shal likwise pay to his highnes fyre shillinges of euery pound of the said pencions, within the said thre yeares, at suche day and tyme as is before specified: and that for the sure paiment therof, a deduction and retention of the said .vi.s. to be made in the handes of the payers of the saide pencion after the proportion of .ii.s. of the pound, euery of the saide three yeares, to bee deliuered and payed vnto his Maieslies vse at suche time and to such persones as the subsidie of fyre shillinges aforesaid shalbe payed vnto.

Item the saide prelates and Clergie, do also graunt that euery prieste receiuing annuel stipend, being no perpetuitie within the said prouince shall pape vnto his grates vse .vi. shillinges .viii.d. in euerye of the same thre yeres, at the same daies, and vnder the same penalties, as the reste of the Clergie do pay for their promotions.

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Item the same prelates, & clergy, further do graunt that euery Archbishop & bishop, and the sea being vacant, euery Deane and Chapiter of that sea voyde, shalbe collectours of this Subsidie within theire proper Dyores. And for the better recouery of the saide collection, the said prelates, & clergy humbly beseche the kinges highnes, that they maye haue full power and authoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parliament, to vse al suche waies, meanes, and processes, as be prescribed in the acte of perpetuall disme for the collection and leuying of the same, and shal make accompt therof before the Chauncellor, or Treasorer, or other officers of his graces court of the first fruites and tenth, or in such other places, as it shal please his highnes to appoint, in suche wise, & after such fourme onely, as the said Archbishops, & Bishops be now charged for the collection of the perpetual disme, whereby is ment howe the lacke, & default of payment, of, & for any particuler promocion, shall only charge the Incumbent, & such as be bound to pay the same, & that vpon peines, as be prouided in this act of perpetuall disme, against them that do make default in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaies, that euery Incumbent making suche defaulte of payment, after certificat of such default, duelye made & exhibited in the kyngs maiesties court of firste fruites and tenthes, shall forfayt and lose onely that his benefice or promocion, for which he maketh default, & for the same, shall incurre no other forfeiture, losse, daunger, pein, or penalty any other pein, clause, article, or condicion in the said statut of perpetual disme, conteined to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the Archebishop, bishop, deane, and Chapiter, gathering that they can receiue, and making payment therof, shal for the rest not by thē receiued, be discharged by their certificat to be made by the first day of January, in euerye of the same three yeres, or within fowertene daies after, into the court of first frutes & tenthes, and, vi.ō. of euery pound where the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompt, clerely to be payde into the saide receyte, or into such other place, as it shal please the kinges maiestie to appoynt, shalbe allowed to the same collectour, for his saide accompt for the same for the charges, and collection, portage, conueying, and paying of the saide Subsidie.

Prouyded alwaies, that this Subsidie graunted by the clergy, shall not be demaunded, or leuied, oute of any benefice, or colledge, situate, or set within the Uniuersities of Oxford & Cambridge, or of any benefice or other reuennes, vnto any Colledge of Oxford, or Cambrige, united, appropried, or apperteining, or of the College of Eton nighe Windsore, or of the College of Winchester, founded by William Wikeham, sometime Bishop of Winchester, or of any other church, or benefice, or of any other reuennes to the said Colleges, or to anye of them annexed, appropried, or otherwise apperteyning.

Prouyded alwaies, that no spirituall promocion, or any lands, or re-

uenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt or act of the prouince of Caunterbury, or any goods, or cattalles, growing, bring, or renning of the same, and perteyning to the owners of the said spirituall promocion shalbe charged, or made contributory to any fifteene, or other subsidie already graunted to the kinges highnes of the laye fee, or hereafter to be graunted, during the time of the said three yeres.

Item the saide prelates and clergye further graunt that euery of his graces new erected bishops, deanes, prebendaries, petticanons, & preachers, shalbee charged to this subsidie, for theire owne portions onelye therof to pay. vi.s. of the pound within the said three yeres, as is aboue rehearsed of other bishops, and spirituall persons, and these portions of rents, and reuenues, which his highnes hath geuen vnto them for the maintenance of poore menne, Scholemasters, Ushers, Grammariens, Quetisters, and other officers, and ministers not to be charged with anye part of this subsidie.

Prouyded also, that euery persone, vicar, or other spirituall man paying any pencion, wherof none allowaunce is made in the Valuacion of his said benefice, shall and maye reteine. ii.s. of euery li. of euerye suche pencion, euery yere during the said three yeres, to his owne relief, in consideracion that he is charged to paye his subsidie of. vi, s. of the pounde, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promocion.

Prouyded also, that where certain landes, tenements, rentes, tythes, pencions, portions, fruites, & other hereditaments, lately belonginge to diuers Cathedrall churches, or to other places Ecclesiastical within the said prouince of Canterbury, which were geuen & assigned to bee bestowed, and spent, to & on the finding, & maintenaunce of certaine chauntries, anniuersaries, obites, lightes, lampes, & other like thinges, intents and purposes be now come into the hands and possession of the kynges maiestie, our souereigne Lorde by force of a statute therof made, in the first yere of his gracious reigne, as by the saide statute more plainly appeareth, that the saide Cathedrall churches, & the deanes or presidents and chapters of the same, & all other places, & persones, to whom ý said lands, rentes, and other the premisses, or any of them, did lately appertaine, shall not be charged to and with anye contribucion, or payment of any subsidie for that parte or portion, whereunto the kinges maiestie is entitled or possessed of, but the saide subsidie shalbee vnderstande to bee chargeable, and due onely of all and singuler landes, tenements, rentes, tithes, pencions, portions, fruites, and other hereditaments, whiche do still remaine not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall churches, and other the places and persones aforesaide. And that deduction and allowance bee made to them and euerye of them in the payment of the said subsidie, out of the whole value, taracion, & estimacion made for the payment of the saide perpetuall disme, remainyng of Record in the kinges Maiesties courte of firste fruites and Tenthe,

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for that rate, and portion, which is come to the handes and possession of our saide souereigne Lorde, by force of the statute premised.

Prouyded also, that euery person & vycar, whose benefice is of ỳ value of. vi.li.xiii.s.iiii.ð. or vnder, after the rate of the perpetual tēth, shall pay in euery of the saide three yeres, onely. vi.s.viii.ð, as stipendaries do, & not otherwise.

Prouyded also, that euery priest, and all other persons hauing a pencion, by reason of the dissolucion of the late Monasteries, Colleges, free chappels, chauntries, fraternities, guyldes, and hospitalles, or anye other incorporations, within the prouince of Canterbury, or any of them and being of the somme of forty shillings, or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged, and chargeable to the saide subsidie, or any part therof, for any such pencion of fortye shillings, or vnder, any thing conteined in this graunt to the contrarye notwithstanding: As by the sayde instrument more at large it doth appere.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by the saide prelates and clergye of the prouince of Caunterbury, according to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meaning of this present instrument: The saide prelates and clergye moste humblye desire and require your highnesse, that this their saide gifte, graunt, and subsidye, and euerye matter, somme of money, clause, and sentence, in this instrument conteyned, concerning the saide subsidie, may bee ratified, established, and confirmed, by aucthoritie of your highnes courte of Parliament. And for ỳ sure and true payment of the saide subsidye graunted by the saide Prelates and clergye of the said prouince of Caunterbury, according to the tenour, effect, and true meaning of the saide instrument: Bee it enacted by the kinges highnes, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thaucthoritie of the same, that the said gift, and graunt, & euery matter, sōme of money, clause, and sentence, in the said instrument conteined, be ratyfied, established, & confirmed by thaucthoritie aforesaide.

And furthermore, be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, that euery person, that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of the saide subsidie, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to leuye, take, and perceiue the same subsidie, by aucthoritie of the Censures of the Church, or by distresse, vpon ỳ possession of the farmors, & owners of the lands & tenements, chargeable by this act, for, or to the payment of any summe, or summes of money, or otherwise by the discreciō of the collectours therof: And that no repleuye, prohibicion, or Supersedeas, shalbe allowed, or obeyed, for any persone or persones, making defaulte of payment of the saide subsidy contrary to the tenor of the graunt therof, vntill such time as they haue truely satisfied, and contented, all suche part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery such farmor and farmours, that shal fortune hereafter to bee charged

ged to & with the payment of the said subsidie or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesaide be allowed, and reteine in his handes, as much of his yerely farme and rent, as the summe which he shall fortune to pay for his lorde or lessours, shall extend & amount vnto, any writing couenaunt, band, or other thing had, or made to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. And for the leuying of the saide Subsidie of .vi. s. of the pound, & for the yereye pencions which any priest or other persone or persones whiche heretofore haue been religious, or taken for religyous persons, doe or shall receiue at the court of Augmentacions, & reuenues, the Chauncellour of the same court for the time being, shall yerely during the said three yeres, that is to say, at the feast of Saynt Michael the Archangel yerely during the saide three yeres, detaine, and retain in his handes, or cause to be detained, or retained in the hands of other thofficers and ministers of the same courte, to the kinges vse, for euerye pound of the same pencions .ii. s. & the same shall well & trueye paye, or cause to be payd vnto the said court of the Tenth and first fruites, or els where, as the kinges highnes shall appoint before the first daye of January without any charge to be made or susteined in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that euery other person & persons, which pay or be chargeable to paye anye yerelye rent, pencion, or pencions, to any priest, or other persone or persones, whiche heretofore haue been religious, or taken for religious persons, chargeable to the payment of the saide Subsidy, that euery such person or persones, which do so pay, or hereafter shall pay any of the said yerely rēts, pencion or pencions, shal not onely during the said three yeres, retayne into his handes, yerely to the kinges vse, for euerye pounde of the same yerely rentes, pencion or pencions .ii. s. and the same well and trueye to pay or cause to be payd yerely during the same three yeres, vnto the Ordinary of the same dioces, or to the collectour of the said Subsidy there to the kinges vse: But also shall yerely, during the same three yeres before the first day of December certifie vnder his or their seale, or seales vnto the saide court of the Tenth and first fruites, or els where it shall please the kinges highnesse to appoint the names, and surnames of all and singuler suche priestes or other persones, religious, or heretofore taken for religious personnes, as is aforesaide, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, whiche they, or any of them be entyled to haue, or receyue yerely as is aforesaid. And that the Chauncelour for the time being of ỳ kinges courte of Augmentacions and reuenues of the kinges Crowne, shall likewise yerely during the saide three yeres, before the first day of Decēbre, certifie vnder the seale of the same court, not onely the names & surnames of al & singuler priestes and other persones chargeable for the saide seuerall rentes, and yerely pencions to the payment of the said Subsidie, in the said court of the Tenth, & firste fruites, or els where it shall please the kinges Maiestie to appoynte, but also the true and iust

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yerely summe, and summes of the same yerely rentes, or pencions, with the names & surnames of the persons chargeable to the paiment therof, And that the Archbishop, and bishop of euery Dyoces, within the saide prouince of Canterbury, shall yerely during the said three yeres, before the first day of January, or within .xxiiii. daies after at the furthest, certifie vnder his seale in the sayde court of Tenth, and first fruites, or els where it shall please the king to appoint, the names and surnames of al and singuler stipendarie priestes, being within anye of theire Dyoceses, chargeable to the saide payment of the saide subsidie as is aforesaide, & also the names & surnames of euery such person, & persons with whom he or they did dwell, & take any stipend or wages.

And be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that euery such person and persons, which within the said three yeres shall geue & pay any stipend or wages to any such priest, as is aforesaide, shall for the insufficiency, or defaulte of euery of the same priest or priests, being in seruice or wages with him, at the said first day of October, bee charged, & chargeable, to & with the payment of .vi.s.viii.d. for the same yere.

And be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaide, that the sayde Archbishop, Bishops, & other persons chargeable to, and with, the collection of the said subsidie of .vi.s.viii.d. within the said prouince of Canterbury, shall haue vpō euery payment therof made in the kinges court of the tenthe and first fruites, or els where the kynges maiestye shall appoynt a sufficient acquytaunce in writing of suche persone or persons as the kinges maiestie shall appoynt for the receypte thereof, the same acquitaunce witnessing the same receipt of asmuche of the same summe of the same Subsidie, as shalbe by anye of them so receiued. And euery suche acquitaunce in writing, sealed and subcribed with the name or names of euery suche person or persons, that so by the kinges appoyntment shall receiue any of the said summes of money, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of parliament. And that euery persone & personnes, which shall haue and receiue any suche acquitance, shall pay but onely .ii.d. for euery of the same acquitaunce.

Be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that al & euery graūt & graunts, of all & euery summe & summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the kings highnes by the clergye of the prouynce of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force, & effect in all things as ẏ saide graunt made by the saide prouince of Canterbury, & shalbe tared, certified, collated, leuied, & gathered, according to the tenor, fourme, & effect of this present act of parliament, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, in suche maner, as though it were specially, plainely, & particularly expressed, & rehearsed in this act, by expresse woordes, termes, and sentences, in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouyded alway, and bee it enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that euery

euery lay person, hauing anye spirituall promocion, chargeable by thys act, and also hauing temporall possessions, goods, cattalles, and debtes, chargeable to the subsidie graunted by the Temporaltie, shalbee charged, taxed, and set, for his said spiritual promocion, with the clergie: and for his temporall possessions, goods, & cattals, with the temporalty, and not otherwise.

Prouyded alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that all such as haue been religious persones, and other, hauing any pencion by reason of any dissolucion of any late Monasterie, Colledge, or Hospitalles, or anye other corporacions within the Prouince of Caunterbury and Yorke, or anye of them, and being of the Summe of .xl.s. and not aboue, or vnder, shal not be charged or chargeable, to the said subsidy, or any part thereof, for anye suche pencion of foretye shillings or vnder, any thing conteined in this acte, or anye of the saide Instruments, or anye of them, to the contrary notwythstandynge.

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¶ An act for the reuyle graunted to the kynges Maiestie by the Lordes and Commons.

Whilest we the kinges maiestie faithfull louing, and obedient subiectes, the Lordes, and Commons assembled in this present Parliament do cõsider the present state of the world, what great troubles be in al places, what enemies both his maiestie and his realme hath and is like to haue, and that their malice, and hatred is bent, partlye to diminish hys graces Maiestie and the honour of his realme, partlye to spoyle the same of the iust, true, and auncient enheritaunce, right and tytle that hys hyghnes, and his most noble progenitors kings of this realme of England, haue alwayes had to the realme of Scotlande, beinge a member and a part of his kingdome and dominion: and chiefly for that we of late hauing abandoned thaucthoritie of the Bishop of Rome, and hys wicked doctrine, haue and do adhere to Christ & his most holy worde, as becometh all christiens to doe, that meane to bee noiesse in deede, then they professe in name: Whilest wee also consider, that his grace, and wee hys faithfull and obedient subiectes, be but one body politique, his highnes the head, and we the members, and that no good, or felicitie can come to thone, but thother shalbe partaker therof, and that no hurte or aduersitie can happen to the one, wherewith the other shall not also be greued: whilest we also consider the Practises, and pollicies of other Princes, and Potentates, what great preparations they make both of men and also of other furnitures for the warres, and what great treasure they of late, haue leuied, and gathered of their subiectes, we perceyuing that al the kinges maiestyes procedynges wholye tende to the aduauncement of the true glorye of God, the mayntenaunce of the maiestie of the imperial crowne of this realme, and the defēce and safety of vs, and this his realme, fullye minded to cleaue, and sticke to God and hys moste holye woorde, vtterly determined to mayntaine his graces honor, and al such rightes, and tities, as be annexed to his imperiall crowne, prest & ready to defende our selues, and this his realme, and our countrey: and finally content to leaue father, mother, brethren, sistren, wiues, children, lands, goods, yea, and this mortall life also, rather then we would deny Christ and forsake his word, which is the liuely foode of mās soule, rather thē we would suffer his royall maiestie to be in any part diminished, rather then we would consent that thimperiall crone of this Realme shoulde be depriued of anye honor, title, right or interest thereunto belongynge, and finally, rather then any forein power, should do vs, or our countrey any hurt, or iniury, haue thought it good to prepare and make, not only our persons ready for the warres, hauing a ful affiaunce and perfit confidence in God, that he alwayes hath sent victorye, to suche as professed him, & put their whole trust in him: albeit they were but very few & that very

very feble in mans sight, in respect of the multitude and force of theire enemies, so he now wil haue a special regard & eye to this litle realme, & vs his poore seruaunts, and litle flocke, taking to his charge and defence our litle shepeherd, till yeres & strength make him better able to byckter with his enemies, & that therefore he with vs, and for vs, will deuise to withstande, resist, and subdue the force and puissaunce of our stout foes (no more ours then his, at the least ours for his cause) but also to make emong vs a masse of moneye, to relieue, & mainteine the great, & inestymable charges, that our most gracious souereigne lord hath, and dayly doth sustaine, a thing much vnable to serue any peece of this present necessities, if his grace did meane to spare any parte of his owne treasure besechyng his grace, not to cast his eies vpon the smalnesse of this our symple present, but to lay by it our good willes, which we make the chiefest part of our relefe, it faithfully promising al the rest to be ready, whē perill, or enemy shall declare this not to suffise: first we his graces said subiects, do by thauctoritie of this present parliament, freely and frankly geue and graunt vnto his most royal maiestie, a relefe to continue by ỳ spare of three yeres, to be rated, tared, leuied, & gathered of euery perso, of what estate or degree he be, according to the tenour of this act, after the rate, in maner and fourme following, that is to say, aswell of all and euerye persone, as is, or hereafter shalbe, his graces naturall subiectes, as of all and euery fraternitie, guilde, corporacion, mistery, brotherhod, company, and cominaltie corporate, or not corporate within this realme of Englande, Wales, and other the kings dominions, being worth ten pounds of money, coyne, plate, stocke of merchandise, corne, grain, shepe beastes, cattalles, or other goods mouable, aswel within this realme as without, and of all such sōmes of money, as to him, or them is, or shalbe owing, wherof he or they trust in their consciēces surely to be paid, yerely twelue pence of euery pounde. And of euery alien, or straunger borne out of the kinges obeysance, aswell denizen, as not denizen, inhabiting or resiaunt within this realme, in anye other the kinges dominions, being worth.x. poumds, in money, coyne, plate, stocke, or merchaundyse, corne, grayne, sheepe, beastes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, aswell within this realme, as without, & of all suche sommes of moneye, as to him is, or shalbe owing, whereof he trusteth in his cōscience to be surely payde yerely. ii.s. of euery pound. And of euery alien, or straunger borne out of the kinges obeysaunce, aswel denizen as not denizen, inhabiting, or resiaunt within this realme, or anye other the kinges dominions, being worth twenty shillinges, and vnder ten poundes in moneye, coyne, plate, stocke of merchaundise, corne, grayne, shepe, beastes, cattalle, or other goods mouable, aswell within this realme, as withoute, and of all such sōmes of money, as to him is, or shalbe owing, whereof he trusteth in his conscience to be surely payde yerely. xii. pence in euery pound. Except, & out of the premisses deducted, suche sommes of money as any person

ſon or perſons before chargeable owe, and in his or their cõſcience truly minde to pay. And excepted alſo the apparell of ſuche perſons, their wiues and childrens belõging to their owne bodies, ſauing Iuels, golde, ſiluer, ſtone, & perle. Excepted alſo alwayes from the charge, aſſeſſemẽt, & paiment of the ſaid reliefes, all money, goods, and cattals of Orphanes, bequethed, or left vnto them by their parentes, or other theyr frendes deceſſed. And that all plate, coine, Iueles, goodes, debtes, & cattals perſonals, being in the rule & cuſtody of anye perſon or perſones to the vſe of any corporation, fraternitie, guild, miſtery, brotherhed, companye or any comminaltie being corporat, or not corporat, be & ſhalbe rated, ſet and charged by reaſon of thys act, at the value certified by the preſentours of the certificat to be ſworne, of euery pound in goodes and debtes, as is aboueſaide. And the ſommes that are before reherſed, ſet and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that ſhall haue ſuch goodes, in cuſtody, as is before reherſed. And the ſame perſon or perſones, and bodie corporat, by thaucthoritie of this acte, ſhalbe diſcharged againſt him or them, that ſhall, or ought to haue the ſame at the time of the paimẽt, or deliuery therof, or at hys otherwiſe departure from the cuſtodie or poſſeſſion of the ſame. Except and alwayes forpriſed from the charge and aſſeſment of this relieſe, all goodes, cattals, Iuels, and ornamentes of churches and chappelles, ordeined, and vſed in churches or chappelles, for deuine ſeruice therein to bee celebrated.

Alſo wee the kynges Maieſties ſubiectes do geue and graunt to hys highnes. viii. ō. to be paid yerely, during ẏ ſaid. iii. yeres, by euery other perſon, not borne vnder the kyngs obeiſaunce, being denizen, or not denizen, other thẽ women couert, ſculdiours, & ſuch perſons, as be vnder thage of. xii. yeres, dwelling, or reſiant within this realme, or any other the kyngs dominiõs. And the ſaid reliefes ſhalbe by thauctozitie afore-ſaid, taxed, aſſeſſed, and rated, during the ſaid. iii. yeres in euery ſhire, riding, lath, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, towne, & euery other place, within this realme of England and Wales, and other the kings dominions in fourme folowing: That is to ſaye, the firſte yere before the. xx. daye of March, & the other two yeres, before the. xx. daye of January. The firſt paiment of the ſaid relief, to be had, made, and paide, at the receipt of the kinges exchequer before the. vi. day of Maye next cõming. And the ſecond to be made and paid, at the ſaied receipte, before the. xx. day of Aprill, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God after the computation of the church of England. m. d. l. And the third paiment to bee had & made at the ſaied receit, before the. xx. day of Aprill, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde. M. D. li. And the ſommes aboueſayde of and for the ſaied relieſe, ſhalbee ſette, taſked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paide, vnto the vſe of oure ſayde ſouereigne Lorde hys heires, and ſucceſſors, in forme abouesaide, aſwell within liberties, fraunchiſes, ſanctuaries, auncient demeſne, and other whatſoeuer place, exempte, or not exempte, as without, except ſuche ſhyres, places, and

psons, as shalbe forprised, in & by this present act: any graūt, charter, prescriptiō, vse or libertie, by reason of any letters patētes, or other priuiledge, pscriptiō, allowaūce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graūted, vsed, or obteined notwithstanding. And it is further enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliamēt, þ euery such pson, aswell such as be borne vnder the kings obeisaunce, as euery other pson straūger borne, denizen, or not denizē, inhabiting wīn this realme, or wīn Wales, or other þ kyngs dominiōs, which at þ time of þ said assessing or taration yerely to be had or made, shalbe out of this realme, & out of Wales, & haue goodes or cattals wīn this realme or in Wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for the same, by þ certificat of thinhabitaunres of the parties, wher such goodes, cattals, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in suche other place where such person or his factor, deputie or attorney, shal haue his most resorte vnto, within this realme, or in Wales, in like maner as yf þ same person were or had bene at that time of the same assessinge within thys Realme. And that euery person, abiding or dwelling within thys Realme, or without this realme, shalbe charged and chargeable to the same relefe, graūted by this act, according and after the rate of the value of his substaunce, goodes and cattals, and other premisses, as such person so to be charged, shalbe set at in the time of the saide assessing, or taration vpon him to bee made, and in none other wise.

And further wee the kinges subiectes, do geue & graunt freely to hys highnes, one other relefe to be paied yerely during three yeares, at the receipt of the kyngs exchequer, after the rate and in maner and fourme folowing, þ is to say, of euery Ewe, kept for the most parte of the yeare in seueral, salte or reshe marshes, or in seuerall pasture, that is to saye: groundes not Common, nor commonly vsed to bee tilled. iii. pence. Of euery wether & other shere sheepe kepte in pasture or marshes, as is aforesaid two pence. And of euery shere sheepe kept on commons or on seueral groundes, commonly vsed to be tilled, thre halfe pence, to be paied yearely during the said three yeares, by the owner or owners of the same shepe and not by anye person that hathe the same sheepe in farme, or by leasse, pateng a rent, or any other profit for the same, or whiche is, or shalbe bounde by any maner of couenaunt, or suretie to restore the same or as many sheepe, or the value therof at any time.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayde that euery persone not hauing aboue the nombre of ten shere shepe, shall paye yearely during the said three yere, one half peny for þ poll of euery suche shere sheepe, and that euery person hauing aboue ten shere sheepe, and not aboue twenty, shal pay for euery of them but one peny, duringe euery of the said. iii. yeres, any thing before in this graunt of the relefe of sheepe, conteined to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. The firste payment of the said relefe of sheepe, to be made before the firste daye of

of Nouember next comming: the second before the first day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M. D. l. And the thirde before the first day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M. D. li.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if the value of the shepe, catel, & other mouable goodes of him, or her, that hath sheepe chargeable to the paiment of the said reliefe, being rated and gathered into one whole and entier summe & value shalbe found greater, and more for the aduauncement of this reliefe then the paiment that ought to be made by the polle of the saide sheepe, as is before declared, that then the owner of the said sheepe shal not bee chargeable with the paimente, after the rate of the polle. And if it shall appere, that the paiment after the rate of the polle shal excede in value, and be more beneficial to the king then the moneye rated of the whole substaunce of any persone: that then suche persone hauing sheepe shalbe charged to paie after the rate of the polle, and not after the value of his entier substaūce. The relefe payed the yere before of his entier substāce to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and paiable in the whole at the yeres ende, vppon thaccompte made for the polle of his sheepe.

Also we the kynges saide subiectes by the auctoritie aforesaide, doe geue and graunte vnto the kyngs Maiestie one other relefe, that is to saye. viii pence of the pounde, of the price and value of all and singuler wollen clothes, Karseies, frises, cottens, kendales, and all other kinde of wollen clothes, of what sorte or making soeuer they bee, that frō the feast of the natiuitie of saint John Baptist next comming, during three yeres then nexte folowing shalbe made by any persone to be put to sale, the same relefe to bee leuied and gathered yerely during the said three yeres of the maker of the saide clothe, in suche maner & forme as hereafter in thys acte shalbe declared.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if it shall appere that the rate of. viii. ō. of the pounde of the price and value of the clothe, by such Clothier made as is aforesaid, shall excede the rate of. xii. pence of the pounde, of his gooddes and cattals, that then euerye suche Clothier, shall paye onelye after the rate of viii. pence of the pounde of the clothes, & not after the value of his goodes & cattels, the relefe paide the first yere of his entier substance to be taken and accompted as parcel of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the first yeares end vpon accompt, for the clothes by him made as is aforesaide. The seconde relefe paied of his entier substaunce, to bee taken and accompted as parcel of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the second yeres ende vpon accōpt for the clothes by him made as is aforesaid. And the thirde relefe paied of his entier substance to be taken and accompted as parcel of the summe

that shalbe due and paiable in the whole at the third yeres ende vppon accompt for the clothes by him made, as is aforesaide.

Prouided also, & be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any persone to thintent to defraude the kinges maiestie of the reliefes graunted by thys acte, or any parte thereof, do coloure and take vpon him, by the assent or consent of the true owner thereof to bee owner or ppietory of any goodes, sheepe, clothes, or other things chargeable to the paimente of the saide reliefe, and in deede shalbee founde, tried, or proued, not to be iust and right owner thereof, vpon any informacion thereof to be made in the kings court of Exchequer within two yeres next after such offence, ỹ not onely such goodes, sheepe, clothes, & other thinges, or the value therof shalbe forfaited to the kinge, but also the partie so falsly colouring the same, or pretending to be owner or ppietory of the same, shall forfaite and lose to the kinge, the treble value thereof, to be leuied of his goodes and cattals, landes and tenementes to the kinges vse.

And to thentent that the kynges Maiestie may be iustly and truly satisfied of the saide reliefe, of the value & substaunce of euery mans goodes and other summes, to bee payed by straungers, denizens, or not denizens by vs to his highnes geuen in maner and fourme aforesaide expressed & in no part therof to be defrauded, as our intent and hope is his grace shall not be: Be it ordeined and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the Lord Chauncellour of England, the lord threasorer of England, the Lord President of the kings most honorable counsaile, the Lord priuy seale, and the Lord great Chamberlain of England, for the time being or two of thē at the least, wherof the lord Chauncelor, or the lord Threasorer to be one of them, shal and maye name & apointe of and for euerye shire, riding and other places, aswell within this realme as in Wales, & other the kinges dominions, as also for euery citie and towne beinge a Countie of it selfe, and of and for the Isle of Wight, such certaine nomber of persons of euery of the same shires, ridings, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes, and the Isle of Wight, and euery other place and other thinhabitauntes of the same to be Commissioners within the same, whereof they bee inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honorable houlholders of the king our souereigne lorde, the ladye Mary, and the lady Elizabeth graces, the kyngs Maiesties sisters, certain heade officers of the same, to be Commissioners of the same houlholdes, in what shires or other places the said houlholdes shal happen then to bee, & the lord Chauncelour or lord Threasorer, and other With him before named in like maner may name and apoincte of euery other such borough and towne corporate, aswell in England as in wales, and other the kinges dominions, as they shall thinke requisit. vi. v. iiii. iii. ii. of the heade officers, and other sad and honest inhabitaūts of euery the said Cities, boroughes and Townes corporate, accordinge to the nomber and multitude

titude of people beinge in the same, the whiche persones (if suche bee) therunto named of the sayde inhabitauntes of the said Boroughs and townes corporat, not being counties in themselues, shalbe ioyned & put as commissioners, with the persons named for such shires and rydings as the saide boroughes and Townes corporate, not being counties in themselues be set, and haue their being, whiche persones so named for and of the saide boroughes and townes corporate not being counties, by reason of theire dwellinge in the same, shall not take vpon them, ne none of them to put any part of their cõmission in execution for the premisses out of the saide borough, or towne corporate, wherin they being so named only for the same, be dwelling, and also not to execute the said cõmission within the borough or town corporat, wher they be so dwelling, but iointly with .iii. at the least of the other commissioners, within the shire, or riding, and in that commission wherin they be so dwellinge at such dayes and times as the said other Commissioners, for the same shire and riding, shall therevnto limit and appoint within the same borough or town corporate, not being countie corporate, whereof they so be, & not out of such borough, or towne, & in that maner to be aidinge & assisting, with the saide other commissioners, in, and for the good executing of theffect of the saide commission, vpon paine of euery of the saide commissioners so named for euerye suche citie, borough, and towne corporat, not being a cõtie, to make such fine as the said other commissioners in the commission, of and for the saide shire, or ridinge so named, or three of them at the least: shal by their discreciõs set and certifie into the kyngs Eschequer, there to be leuied to the vse of our soueraigne Lorde the king, in like maner as such or like somes had ben set and rated vpon suche persone for the saide relefe. The whiche commissioners so named of and for the saide cities, boroughs, & townes not being counties, and onely put in the said commissiõ, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any parte of the porcion of the fee, and rewardes for the commissioners and their clerkes in this act afterwardes specified. And the Chauncellour of England, or keper of the kings great seale for the time being, shall make and directe out of the court of Chauncery, vnder the kinges great seale seuerall cõmissions, that is to saye, to every shire, riding, lathe, wapentake, rape, citie, town, borough, ille, and houshould, vnto suche persone and persones as by his discretion, and other whiche him before appointed and named, in like maner and forme as is before reherced, shalbe thought sufficient for the setting and leuieng of the said relefe in all Shires and places, accordinge vnto the true meaninge of thys acte, whiche commission shalbe directed and deliuered to the saide Commissioners, or to one of them yearely during the said three yeares, in maner and forme folowing, that is to say: the first yere before the .x. daye of Marche nexte comming, and the other two yeres, yerely before the firste daye of Januarye, and to euerye of the saide commission .x. re-

dules, cōtaining in them the tenour of this act, shalbe affiled, the which commission, the commissioners in euery such commission named, according vnto this act, or as many of them as shalbe apointed by the kings commission, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to put the effect of the same commission in execution. And that by aucthoritie of thys act, after suche commission to them directed yearely during the saide three yeres, they may by their assents and agreements, seuer them selues for thexecution of their commission, in hundreds, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, parishes & other places, within the limittes of their said commission, in suche forme as to thē shal seme expedient to bee ordred, & betwen them to bee commoned and agreed, according to the tenoure & effect of the commission to them therin directed, vpon whiche seueraūce euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundreth where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwaies, that no persone be or shalbe compelled to bee any Commissioner, to & for thexecution of thys present acte, but onely in the shire where hee dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person being assigned to ẏ cōtrary therof, in any wise shal not bee cōpelled to put in execution theffect of this act, or any parte thereof. And it is also enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them which shalbe named, limitted and appointed accordinge vnto thys act, to be commissioners, in euery such shire, riding, lathe, wapentake, rape, citie, towne, borough, isle, or any other place, that the said commissioners and none other, shall truly, effectually, and diligently for their parte execute the effect of this present act, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, & none otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or anye other thinge to bee attēpted & done by them, or any of them, to the contrary hereof: & the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said commission, and none other, for the execution of the said commission and acte, shal the first yere of the paiment of this reliefe of goodes, before the .xx. daye of March, & the other two yeres, yerely befor the .xvi. daye of January, by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them, in fourme abouesaid, direct their seueral or ioint p̄cepte vnto .viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. or .iii. or mo, as for the nomber of thinhabitaunts shalbe requisite, of the most substancial discret and honest persones inhabitauntes, to be named by the saide Commissioners, or by as manye of them as shalbee appointed by the saide Commission, of, and in hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, parishes, townes, & other places, aswell within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the shires, ridinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes, boroughs or isle aforesaid, and other places within the limittes of their commission, and to the Constables, subconstables, Bailifes, and other like officers or ministers of euerye of the

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ſaid hundredes, townes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, pariſhes, & other places beforeſaid: as to the ſaid Commiſſioners, and euery nōber of thē vnto .iii. or .ii. of thē, by their diſcretion in diuiſion, ſhal ſeeme expedient, as by the maner & vſe of ẏ parties ſhalbe requiſite ſtraightlye by ẏ ſame precept, charging & cōmaunding the ſame inhabitauntes, conſtables, & other officers aforeſaid to whom ſuch precept ſhalbe ſo directed to appere in their pper pſones before the ſaid commiſſioners, or ſuch nōbre of thē as they ſhal deuide thēſelues, according to the tenour of the ſaid cōmiſſion at certeine days & places by the ſaid cōmiſſioners, or any nomber of thē, as is aboueſaid, wīn cities, boroughs, or townes corporat, or wout in any other place as is aforeſaide, by theire diſcretions ſhalbe limitted thereunto, to do & accompliſhe all ẏ to thē, on that pte of our ſouereigne lord the king ſhalbe enioined touching this act: cōmaūding further by the ſame precept, ẏ he to whoſe handes ſuch precept ſhall come, ſhal ſhew or deliuer the ſame to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the ſame precept, & that none of them faile to accompliſhe the ſame, vpō peine of .xl. ſhillings, to bee forfaited to the kyng.

And it is further ordeined by the ſaid auctoritie of thys Parliamēt, that the ſaid day, and place, prefixed, and limitted in the ſaide preceptes, euery of the commiſſioners then being in the ſhire, and hauinge no ſufficient excuſe for his abſence, ſhall at the ſaide daye and place prefixed for that part, wherunto he was limited appere in proper perſone, & there the ſame commiſſioners being preſent, or as many as ſhalbe appointed, by the kynges commiſſion, ſhall call, or cauſe to bee called before thē, the ſaid inhabitaunts & officers to whome they haue directed theire ſaide preceptes, and which had in commaundement, there to appere by ẏ ſaid precept of the ſaide commiſſioners: And if any perſon ſo warned, make defaute, onles he then be letted by ſickenes or lawfull excuſes, & that let then to be witneſſed by the othes of .ii. credible perſones: or if any ſo appering, refuſe to bee ſworne in fourme folowing, to forfeit to the kinge .xl.s. & ſo at euery time during the ſaid three yeres, prefixed for the ſame cauſe, vnto ſuch time, the nomber of euery ſuche perſones haue appered and certified in forme vnder written: and euery of them ſo makinge default, or refuſing to be ſworne, to forfeit to the kynge .xl.s. and vpon the ſame apparaunce had, one of the moſt ſubſtaucial inhabitauntes or officer, ſo ther being warned, and appering before the ſaid commiſſioners, ſhalbe ſworne yearely duringe the ſaide three yeares, vpon a booke openly before the commiſſioners, in fourme folowing.

¶ I ſhall truely enquire with my felowes that ſhalbee charged with me of the hundred, wapentake, warde, towne, or other place, of the beſte & moſt value of the ſubſtaunce of euery perſone, dwellinge and abidinge within the limittes of the places, that I and my felowes ſhalbee charged with, & of other which ſhal haue his or their moſt reſorte vnto any of ẏ ſaid places, & chargeable with any ſome of mony by this act, of this

ſaid relieke, & of all other articles that I ſhalbe charged with touching the ſaide acte, and accoꝛding to thentent of the ſame, and thereupon, as nere as it maye, oꝛ ſhall come to my knowledge, not onely truely to pꝛe-ſent & certifie befoꝛe you, the names, ſurnames, additiõs, and the beſt & vttermoſt ſubſtance, and values of euery of them, of their gooddes, cat-talles, dettes, and other thinges, chargeable by the ſaide acte, and how many ſtraungers, denizens, oꝛ not denizens, being aboue the age of .xii. yeres be reſiant and dwelling within the limites of my charge, of what value in goodes, and other thinges, chargeable to the paiment of thys relieke they be, & whether they be houſholders oꝛ ſeruauntes, oꝛ other-wiſe, vnder the rule and gouernement of their parentes, without anye concealment, fauour, loue, affection, dꝛeade, feare, oꝛ malice, ſo helpe me God, and the holy contentes of thys booke.

And euery other perſone, that ſhal appere there perely by the ſaid pꝛe-ceptes, ſhal make like othe, and vpon the othe ſo taken as is befoꝛeſaid by thinhabitaũts & officers of euery hũdꝛed, warde, Wapẽtake, town, oꝛ other place, ꝑ ſaid cõmiſſioners ſhal perely opẽly there reade, oꝛ cauſe to be redde vnto thẽ, ꝑ ſaid rates, & opẽly declare theffect of theire char-ge vnto thẽ, in what maner & fourme they ought & ſhould make theire certificats, accoꝛding to ꝑ rates & ſommes therof aboueſaid, & of all ma-ner of perſones, aſwell of alies & ſtraũgers, denizens, oꝛ not denizens, inhabited within this realme, as of ſuch perſones, as be bozne vñ the kings obeiſſance chargeable to this act, & of the goods & cattels of fra-ternities, guildes, coꝛpoꝛacions, bꝛotherhodes, miſteries, cõpanies, and cõmonalties, & other as is aboueſaid, & of perſones being in the parties of beyond the ſea, hauing gooddes oꝛ cattals vñ this realme as is be-foꝛe ſaid, & of all goodes being in cuſtody, to the vſe of any other, as is aboueſaid, by the which infoꝛmaciõ, & ſhewing ꝑ ſaide ꝑſons, ſhall haue ſuch plaine knowledge of the true entẽt of this ꝑſent act, & of ꝑ maner of their certificat, ꝑ the ſame ꝑſons ſhal haue no reaſonable cauſe to ex-cuſe thẽ by ignoꝛaũce, And after ſuch othes, & ꝑ ſtatut of the ſaid relieke, & the maner of the ſaid certificat, to be made in wꝛiting, cõteining ꝑ na-mes, ſurnames, & addiciõs of euery ꝑſon, & whether he be bozne vñ the kinges obeiſſaunce oꝛ vñ, & the beſt value of euery ꝑſone in euerye degree of the value of goodes and cattelles, dettes, and euery thing to their ſaide certificat requiſite and neceſſary to them declared: the ſaide commiſſioners there being, ſhal by their diſcretions appoint & limit vn-to the ſaid perſons another daye and place to appere befoꝛe the ſaid cõ-miſſioners, & charging the ſaid perſones, that they in ꝑ meane time ſhal make diligent enquiry by all wayes & meane of the ꝑemiſſes, and then & there euery of thẽ, vpon paine of foꝛfaiture of .xx.s. to the king, to ap-pere at the ſaid newe ꝑfixed day & place, there to certifie vnto the ſaid cõmiſſioners in wꝛiting, accoꝛding to theire ſaid charge, & accoꝛding to the true entent of the ſaid graunt of relief, & as to them in maner afoꝛe-

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saied hath ben declared & shewed by the commissioners, at which day & place so to them prefixed, if anye of the said persons make default, or appere, & refuse to make the said certificat: that then euerie of thē so offending, to forfaite to the king. xl.s. except only a reasonable excuse for hys default by reason of sicknes, or otherwise by the othe of two credible psones there witnessed be had: & of such as appere redy to make certificat, as is aforesaid, the said commissioners there being shal take and receaue the same certificat and euery part thereof, and the names, values and substaūce of euery person so certified. And if the same cōmissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the same presentours thereof, & there vpon the said commissioners at the said dayes and place by theire agremēt among thēselues shal yerely during the said three yeres opēly there prefixe a day at a certain place or places, win the limites of theire commission by their discretion, for their further procedinge to the sayde assessing of the same relief, and thereupon at the said day of the said certificat as is beforesaide taken, the same commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes to the Constables, subconstables, Bailiffes or other officers of such hundredes, wapentaks, townes, or other places aforsaid, as the same commissioners shall be of, compriſing & conteininge in the same precept, the names, surnames, and addicions of all persones presented before them in the said certificats: of whome if the saide commissioners, or as many of them as shalbee thereunto appointed by the kings commission, shal then haue vehement suspect to bee of more greater value or substaunce in goodes, cattals, or summes of money owinge to them, or other substaunce beforesaide, then vpon suche person, or persones shalbe certified, the same comissioners shall make there precepte, or precepts, directed to the constables, bailifs, & other officers to whom such precept shalbe directed, to warne such persones whose names shall be comprised in the said precept at their mancions, or to their persones, ẏ the same persons so named in suche p̄ceptes, & euery of them, shall personally appere befor the said commissioners, at ẏ same new p̄fixed daye & place, there to be sworne and examined by all waies & meanes by the said commissioners of their greatest substaunce & best value, and of all & euery sommes of money owing to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concerninge the premisses or anye of them according to this acte, at whiche day & place so prefixed, the said commissioner then there beinge, or as many of thē as shalbe therunto appointed by the kings cōmission shall cause to be called the said persones, whose names shalbe compriſed in the said precepte, as it is beforesaid for their examination. And if any of the persones which should be warned, as is beforesaid, to bee examined, which at any time after the warning, and before the prefixed daye shalbe within such place, where he may haue knowledge of the said apperaūce to be made, make default & appere not, onles a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible psons before ẏ

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ſaid commiſſioners be truely alleged for his diſcharge, that thē euery of them ſo making default, to be tared and charged to the kyng with and at the double ſumme or the rate that he ſhould or ought to haue ben ſet at for & after the beſt value of his goodes & ſubſtaunce vpon him certified, if he had appered by the diſcretiō of the Commiſſioners ther being And in like maner if any of them ſuſpected, as is beforeſaid, appere and refuſe to be ſworne in fourme folowing, thē euery ſuch offendour to be tared & charged to ꝑ king with & at the double ſumme of the rate that hee ſhould or ought to haue bene ſet, for and after the beſt value of hys ſubſtaunce vpō him certified by the ſaid perſone that made ꝑ certificat, as is before ſaide, by the diſcretions of the cōmiſſioners there thē being and euery of the perſons ſo there then apperinge, whoſe names ſhalbee erpreſſed in the ſaide precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehemente ſuſpect was or ſhalbee had in fourme aboneſaid, ſhall trauaile with the ſame perſone ſo ſuſpect, by al ſuch waies and meanes they can: And further the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as manye of them as ſhalbee hereunto appointed by the ſaid Commiſſion by their diſcretion ſhal openly ſwere the ſame perſon, in thys maner and fourme folowing.

I ſhall faithfully, truely, & plainely accordyng to my knowlege, ſhew vnto you the kyngs cōmiſſioners, and to other by you aſſigned, the beſt and greateſt value or aboue of all my goodes and catteis and ſummes of mony to me owing, accordyng to ꝑ graūt of this act of reliefe, & truely aunſwere to that I ſhalbe examined of touching ꝑ premiſſes, without couin or deceipt, ſo helpe me God & the holy contentes of thys booke.

And if any perſon that ſhould appere be excuſed in forme aforeſayd by witnes of credible perſones, the ſame perſon ſhalbe examined by theire othes of his or their greateſt and beſt value & ſubſtaūce ſo lacking and excuſed, and the beſt of their certificat or knowledge, or of ꝑ other firſte certificat vpon him or them made, the ſame perſon ſo lacking & excuſed of his apparaunce to be ſet and rated by the ſaide cōmiſſioners or other wiſe, to be ſet & rated in this caſe, as ſhal ſeme beſt by the diſcrecions of the ſaid cōmiſſioners. And if it happen to be proued by witnes, his own confeſſion or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within one yere after any ſuch othe made, that the ſame perſone ſo tared and ſworne, was of any greater or better value in his goods or other things aboue ſpecified at the time of his ſaid othe, thē the ſame perſon ſo ſworne did declare vpō his othe: that then ſuch perſon ſo offending ſhall loſe and forfeite to the king .iiii. times ſo much in lawful money of Englād, as the ſame perſon ſo ſworne was ſet and tared at to paye for the ſaid reliefe.

And if any perſon certified or rated by vertue of this act, bee he Commiſſioner or other, to any maner of value, do find him ſelfe greued with the ſame preſentment, ſelling, or taxing, & therupon cōplaine to the commiſſioners, before whom hee ſhalbe rated, ceſſed or tared, or before .ii. of them, that then the ſaid commiſſioners, ſhal by all waies & meanes examine

mine particulerlie and distinctly the persone so complainante and other hys neighbors by their discretion, of euery his goods, cattals, & debtes aboue mencioned, and after due examination & perfect knowlege therof had & perceiued by the said commissioners, which shall haue power, by thauctholitie aforesaide, the saide Commissioners or two of them to whom any suche complaint shalbe made, by theire discretions vpon the othe of the saide person so complaining, may abate, defalke, encrease, or enlarge the same assesment, accordinge as it shall appere to them iust vpō the said examination, and the same some so abated, defalked, encreased, or enlarged by them, to be streated in forme as herafter ensueth, so that he come before thertreates of the said assessing, be deliuered by the said Commissioners, into the kinges Exchequer. And if it be proued by witnes his owne cōfession, or other lawful waies or meanes, within a yere after any such othe made, that the same person so taxed & sworne, was of any better, or greater value in goodes or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his said othe, then the same person so sworne did declare vpon his said othe, that then euery suche person so offending shall lose and forfeite to the kynge, fower times so muche in lawful mony of England, as the same persone so sworne was set, or taxed to paye. And all persones, set, rated, and taxed as is aforesaide, shalbe bounde & charged by the same, & the some or somes vpon him set, to be due towardes the paiment of this relefe, and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

And it is also enacted by the saied auctholitie, that euery persone yearely during the said three yeres, as is aforesaid, shalbe rated, taxed, and set, and the summe on him set, to be leuied at suche place, where hee and his family at the time of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe his howse or dwelling, or where he then shalbe most conuersaunt, abidinge or resiaunt, or shal haue his most resorte, and shalbe best knowen at the time of the said certificat to be made, & no where els. And that no Commissioner for his relefe of goodes, shalbe rated, or taxed for his goods, but in the shire, citie, or other place, wher he dwelleth, and is commissioner: and if anye persone chargeable to thys acte, at the time of the saide assessinge, happen to bee out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place wher he shalbe knowne, then he to be set where he was last abiding in this realme or within Wales and best knowen. And after the substaunce and value of euery persone knowen by the examination, certificat, and other maner of wise, as is aforesaide, the saide commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the kynges commission, shal after the rate aforesaide, set, and taxe euery persone, accordinge to the rate of substaunce, and value of his goodes and cattalles: whereby the greatest and most best summe, accordinge to hys most substaunce, by reason of thys acte, ought, or may be set, or taxed.

Bee it also ordeined by the saide auctholitie, that no person hauinge two māsions, or two places to resorte vnto, or calling himselfe household

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ſeruaunt or waiting ſeruaunt, to the kings highnes, his graces ſiſters, or to any noble man or woman, ſhalbee excuſed vpon his ſaiynge, from the taxe of the ſaied reliefe in either of the places wher he maye be ſet, onleſſe hee bring a certificat in writing from the commiſſioners, where that he is ſo ſet in dede at one place. And if any happen to be ſet in two places vpon certificat thereof made, the beſte & moſte ſumme vpon him ſo taxed, to be taken and abide, and the other to be diſcharged, ſo that ỳ ſame certificat of his aſſeſſing and paiment, be made therof in writing, vnder the ſeales of the commiſſioners, or of as manie of them as ſhalbe apoincted by the kyngs commiſſion: whiche certificat ſo made ſhalbe at all times a ſufficient diſcharge for him, and the collector of the ſame, aſwell againſt any Collector, that ſhal demaund the ſame vpon him rated or taxed, as againſt the kyng and all other perſones.

And if any perſon that ought to be ſet, by reaſon of his remouing or reſortinge to two places, or by reaſon of his ſaiynge, that he els where was taxed, or by reaſon of any priuilege, by his dwelling or abiding in any place, not beynge forpryſed in this acte, or any otherwiſe by hys couin or crafte, happen to eſcape from the yearelye aſſeſſinge, and bee not ſet, and that proued by preſentment, examination, or informatiõ, before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbee by the ſame cõmiſſion appointed, or by the Barons of the kynges Exchequer, or two Juſtices of the peace of that countrey, where ſuche perſone dwelleth: then euery ſuche perſone, that by ſuch meanes or otherwiſe, wilfully by couin ſhall happen to eſcape from the aſſeſſing of the ſaide reliefes, or of anye of them, and not be rated, taxed, and ſet, ſhalbe charged, vpon the knowlege & proofe therof, forthwith, and at the double value that he ſhould or ought to haue ben ſet at afore, according to his behauiour: the ſame double value to be leuied, gathered and payed of his goodes & cattals, landes and tenementes, towardes the ſaide reliefe, and further to bee puniſhed, according to the diſcrecions of the Barons, Juſtices or commiſſioners, before whom he ſhalbe conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that not onely euery aſſeſſour ſhalbee rated, taxed, & aſſeſſed yerelye, during the ſaied three yeres, for the value of hys goodes and cattalles, by the Commiſſioners, or the moſte parte of them, by whom hee is appointed to bee an Aſſeſſour, but alſo that euery Commiſſioner aſſigned and deputed, for the orderinge, taxing, ratinge, and leuynge of thys reliefe, graunted to the kynges Maieſtie, of .xii.d. of the pound, of the value of euery mannes goodes dwellinge within the precinct and limitte of his commiſſion, for hys owne ſubſtaunce in goodes, ſhalbe ſeſſed, taxed, valued and rated yerely, during the ſaid three yeres, by the examination, taxacion & ſeſſing of the reſte of the Commiſſioners, named in the ſame

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commission, or the moste part of them, after suche value of his goods & cattalles, as is mencioned in this acte. And that all persones of ỳ estate of a Baron or Baronnesse, not being maried, & euery estate aboue shalbe examined and charged, of payment of this relefe of theire goods, before the Lorde Chauncellour, the Lorde Treasurer of Englande, and Lorde Priuie Seale for the time beinge, or other persones by the kynges auctoritie to be limitted. And they to be charged yerelye, durynge the said three yeres, for theire goods and substaunce, according to their examinacion aforesaid. And the sommes vpon them set with the names of collectours appoynted, for the gatherynge and payinge of the same, bee extreated, deliuered, and certyfied at dayes and places aboue specyfyed by ỳ said Chauncellor, Treasurer, or Lord Priuy Seale, for the tyme beinge, or suche other persones, as shalbe appoynted by the kinges highnes.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that after the Tares and Assesementes of the saide summes, vpon and by the saide examinacion and certificat, as is aforesaide made, the saide commissioners shall yerelye duringe the saide three yeres, within tenne dayes next after the taxacion and assesement of payment of the saide reliefes, by writing indented to be made of the saide taxacion and assesement, vnder the Seales and signes manuelles of the saide Commissioners, deliuer vnto sufficient and substanciall inhabitaunts, Constables subconstables, baylifes, or their officers, iointly of hundredes, townes, parishes, and other places aforesaide within their limittes, or to other sufficient persones, inhabitauntes of the same, onely by the discrecion of the saime commissioners, and as the place and parties shal require, aswel the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all sūmes of money, taxed and set, of and vpon euerye persone, aswel man as woman chargeable to this acte, housholder, and all other inhabytauntes and dwellers, and all Fraternities, guyldes, Corporacyons, Mysteries, brotherhodes, companies and commynaltyes, corporate, or not corporate, within the saide parishes, townes, and places, contributorye to this acte of relefe. By auctoritie of which writing, or estreate so deliuered, the saide officers or other persones so named, and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, immediately after the deliuery of the saide writing or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery persone and fraternitie, guylde, corporacion, mistery, brotherhode, companye, and commynaltie, corporate, or not corporate therein specified, the summe or summes in the same writing or estreate comprysed. And for none payment therof, to distrain the goods and cattalles, of suche person, fraternitie, guylde, corporacyon, mystery brotherhode, companye, and commynaltye, corporate, or not corporate, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of .viii. dayes at the costes and charges of the owner therof: And if the saide owner doe not

pay suche summe of money, as shalbe taxed by this act, within the same viii. daies, then the saide distresse to be appryised, by .iiii. iii. or .ii. of the inhabitantes, where such distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the said constable and other collectour for the payment of the said moneye: and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keping therof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie the sayde summes, shall answer and be charged for their porcion, oneiye to them assigned or limitted, to be gathered, leuied, & compryised in the saide wryting or estreate, to them as is aforesaid deliuered, vnto the vse of our soueraigne Lord the king, his heires and successors, and the saide summe in that wryting or estreate cõprised, to pay vnto the high collector or collectors of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, to be named & deputed: and the same inhabitauntes and officers, so gatheringe the same particuler summes, for theire collection thereof, shall retayne for euery .xx. s. so by them receiued & payd ii. d. and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by thē to be made by the high collector or collectours.

Prouided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person not beinge the kinges Subiecte naturallye borne, Denizen or not Denizen, being aboue ỳ age of .xii. yeres, and not worth .xx. s. in goods, and be at the time of the paymēt of the reliefes of .viii. d. due by this act of euery such person, or at any time duringe the saide three yeres, in seruice with any man or woman, or vnder ỳ gouernance of his or her father or mother, that euery such master or masters, father or mother, shalbe charged with the paiment therof, for suche person in like maner & forme as hee or she is, or ought to bee for the reliefes due by themselues. And that it shalbee lefull for euery suche master and masters, to defaulke, abate, and retaine of the wages of suche seruaunt, so much as he or she had before paide for such seruant towardes the paiment of the saide reliefes.

And further be it enacted by the said aucthoritie of this present parliament, that the said commissioners, shall yerely during the said .iii. yeares name such sufficient & able persones, which then shall haue and possesse landes, or other hereditaments in their owne right, of the yerely value of .x pounde, or goodes to the value of an C. marke at the least, and the same persons seuerally, by the discrecions of the same commissioners in shieres, ridinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate & other, whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuileged, as without, not being forprised in this act, to be high collectors, and haue the collection & receipt of the said summes, set & leuiable within the precinct, limits and boundes, where they shalbee so limitted to gather and receyue to euerye of the which collectors so seuerally named, the sayde Commissyoners, or .ii. of them at the least, yerely during the said .iii. yeres within, xii

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dayes next after the saide whole summe of the said reliefes, shalbe set & rated by all the limites of the same their commissions, or in such limites as the high collectors shalbe so severally assigned shal vnder their seales & signes manuel, deliuer one estreat indented in parchement to everye of the same high collectors, comprising in it the meanes of all suche persones as were assigned to leuie the saide particuler summes, & the summes of every hundred, wapentake, towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names & surnames of the persones so chargeable, accordyng to the estreat so first therof made (as is before saide, & deliuered) and the collector so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswer the whole sume comprised in the said estreat limitted to his collection, as is aforesaid.

Prouyded alwaies and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the saide commissioners hauing auctority by this acte to name the said high collectors of the said reliefes yerely, during the sayde three yeres, shall immediately vpon their nomination and election, take by auctoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or Obligacions, without any fee or reward to be payd therefore, of euery person, so by them to be named to the high collectour, to bee bounden to the kyng in the double summe, of the summe of his collection, and to be indorsed and made vpon suche condicion, that if the saide collectour, hys heires, or executours, do truely content and pay, to the vse of the kyng, his heires or executours, in his receipte of his Exchequier, before the daye appointed by this acte, so much of the saide summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collecte and gather, and content and paye the residue of hys collection and charge within one monethe nexte after such tyme, as he hathe gathered and collected the same residue, that then the saide recognisaunce or obligacion to be voyde, or els to stand in his full strength & vertue. Which recognisaunce or obligacion so taken, the saide commissioners shall certifye and deliuer into the kinges Exchequier, with the certificate of the said taxacion and rate of the saide relefe, at and by the tyme to them prescribed & appointed by this act, vpon paine of forfaiture of.x. pounde to the kyng for euerye recognisaunce or obligacion not certified. And that euery such collector so elected, named, and chose, vpon request to him made, shall knowledge & make the said recognisaūce or obligacion, vpon lyke payne & forfayture of.x. pound to the king for the refusall therof: and euery such collectour, so perely deputed, hauing the saide estreate in Parliament, as is aforesaid, shal haue auctoritie by this act, perely during the said three yeres to appoynt dayes & places, wythin the circuite of hys collection, for the payment of the saide relefe to him to be made, and therof to geue warnyng by proclamacion or otherwise, to all the saide constables, or other persones or inhabitauntes, hauinge the charge of the particuler collection within the hundredes, paryshes, townes, or other places by hym or them limitted, to make payment for their said particuler collection of

euery summe, as to them shal appertaine. And if at the saide day & place so limitted and prefixed by the said collector, the said constables, officers or other persons or inhabitaūts (as is aforesaid) for the saide particuler collection, appoynted and assigned within such hundred, citye, towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the said collectors, the summe within their seuerall hundredes, townes, parishes, & other places, due and comprised in the said estreats therof to them deliuered by the said commissioners as is beforesaid, or so much therof, as they haue by any meane receiued, (xii.d. of euery pound for the said particuler collection, as is beforesaide, alwais to be ther of allowed, excepted & abated) that then it shalbe lawfull to the said high collectours, and euery of them, & to theire assignes, to distraine euery of the said constables, officers, and other inhabitaūts for their said seuerall and particuler collection of the said sūmes, cōprised in the said estreate & writting therof, to them & euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or forasmuch of ỳ same sūme, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, being behinde and vnpayde, by the goods and cattalles of euery of them so being behinde: and the distresse so taken, to be kept appraised and sold, as is aforesayd: & therof to take and leuie the summe so then being behinde & vnpayd, and the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be to be restored and deliuered vnto the owners, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabited in any citie, borough, or towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessour or collector, of, or for any part of the said relefe, in any place or places, out of the said city, borough, or towne corporate where hee dwelleth. And it is also by the said authoritie enacted, that if anye inhabitaunt or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged, to, and for the collection or receipt of any parte or portion of the said relefe, in any of the said three yeres, by anye maner of meane, according to this act, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper, deputie, factor, or atturney, of and for any other person or persons, of any goods and cattalles, and the owner therof at the time of the said assessing to be made, being out of this realme, or in anye other parties not known, or of, and for the goods and cattalles of any other person or persons, or of any corporacio, fraternitie, guilde, mistery, company, or other whatsoeuer comminaltie, beinge incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernaunce, or custodye, anye goods or cattalles, at the time of the saide assessing, or anye of them to be made, or which for any cause, for, and by collection, or for him selfe, or for anye other, by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custody of any goods or cattalles, of any other person or persones, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporacion, Cominaltie, Company, or Misterye, or any such other lyke, or as factor, deputie, or atturney, or for any person, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and set to anye summe or summes, by reason of this acte: and after the taracion, or assessing, vpon any such persone or

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persõs as shalde charged with ỳ receipt of the same happen tõ die, or depart from the place where he was so taxed & set, or hys goods and cattalles to be so eloyned, or in suche prinie and couert maner kept, and the said person or persons charged with the same, by extreats, or other writing from the said commissioners, cannot ne may leuie the same summe or summes, compased within their said extreates by distres, within the limites of their collection, as is afore said, or cannot sell suche distres, or distresses as to be taken for any of the said yerely paymentes, before the time limitted to the highe collectour for his payment to bee made in the kinges receipt: then vpõ relacion therof made, with due examinaciõ by ỳ othe, or examinacion of such person or persõs, as shalbe charged with & for the receipt & collection of the same, before the said commissioners, or one of them, or before the high collector or collectors, where such persõ or persons, or other as is afore said, their goodes & cattalles were set & taxed, & vpon plaine certificat thereof made into the kings Exchequier by the said commissioners, or anye one of thẽ, or vpon the othe of one of the high collectors in the saide court of therchequer, of the dwellinge place, names, & summes of the said persons, of whom the said sũmes cãnot be leuied & had as is afore said, then aswel the constables & other inhabitaunts, appointed for the particuler collection against the high collectors, as the high collector vpõ his accompt & othe in the sayde Exchequer to be discharged thereof, & processe to be made for the king oute of the said Exchequer, by the discretions of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors so being behind with his payment. And ouer that, the same commissioners, to whom any such declaraciõ of the premisses, shalbe made in fourme afore saide, from time to time, shall haue full power & aucthoritie during the said three yeres, to direct their precept or preceptes, vnto the said person or persons charged with any sũme, of, for, or vpon any such persone or persons, or other, as is abouesaid, or of any Sheriks, stewards, baillifs, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places, wher any such person or persons so owing such somme or sommes, shal haue lands & tenements, or other hereditaments, or real possessions, goodes or cattals, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors, or assignes, or other hauing the custody, gouernance, or disposicion of any goods, cattals, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, which ought or may by this act, lawfullye be distreyned or taken for the same, hath, and shall haue goods, cattalles, landes, tenements, & other possessions, wherof such sume or sũmes, which by any suche persõ or persones may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limit of such cõmission, where such person or persons was, or were taxed, or without in any place, win this realme of England, wales, or other ỳ kinges dominions, marches or territories: by which precept, aswel such person or persons as shalbee charged to leuie such money, as thofficers of such place or places where

ſuche diſtreſſe maye bee taken, ſhall haue full power and auctho^rytie, to diſtreine euery ſuch perſon indebted, charged, o^r chargeable by this act o^r his executo^rs o^r adminiſtrato^rs of his goods and cattals, his facto^rs deputies, leſſees, farmours, & aſſignes, and all other perſones, by whoſe handes, o^r out of whoſe landes any ſuche perſon ſhoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, o^r any other p^rofite, o^r which at the time of the ſaid aſſeſſings ſhall haue goodes, o^r cattalles, o^r any other thing mouable, of any ſuche perſon o^r perſons, being indebted, o^r owing ſuch ſūme, And the diſtreſſe ſo taken, to cauſe to be kept, app^reiſed, & ſolde in like maner and fourme as is ako^reſaid, fo^r the diſtreſſe to be taken vpon perſones to be tared to the ſaide relieke, & being ſufficient to diſtreyne, within the limites of the collectours inhabitants, o^r other officers charged with, o^r fo^r the ſame ſūmes, ſo vpon them to be tared, And if any ſuche diſtreſſe fo^r none payment happen to be taken out of the limite of the perſones charged, and aſſigned to leuie the ſame, the perſons ſo charged fo^r the leuying of euery ſuch ſumme by diſtreſſe, ſhall perceiue & take of the ſame dyſtreſſe, fo^r the labour of euery perſone, going fo^r the^recucion therof fo^r euery myle that any ſuch perſone ſo labou^reth fo^r the ſame. ii. ō. And euery farmo^r, tenaunt, factour, o^r other whatſoeuer perſon, being diſtreined, o^r otherwiſe charged fo^r paiment of any ſuche ſūme o^r ſūmes, o^r any other ſūme by reaſon of this acte, ſhalbe of ſuch ſūme o^r ſummes, of him o^r them ſo leuied and taken, diſcharged, and acquited, at his next day of paimēt of the ſame, o^r at the deliuery of ſuche goods, and cattals, as he that is ſo diſtrained, had in his cuſtody o^r gouernaunce againſt him o^r them, that ſhalbe ſo tared & ſet, any graunt, o^r w^riting obligato^ry, o^r other whatſoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofo^re, notwithſtanding.

And if any ſuch perſon that ſhould be ſo diſtreyned, haue no landes, o^r tenementes ſufficient, whereby he o^r his tenaunts and farmo^rs may be diſtreined, o^r hath eloyned, aliened, o^r hid his goods, & cattals, whereby he ſhould, o^r might be diſtreined, in ſuch maner, that ſuche goodes & cattals, ſhal not be knowen o^r founde, ſo that the ſūme by him to bee payde in the ſaid fourme, ſhall ne can be conueniently leuied, then vpon relacyon therof vnto the commiſſioners, where ſuch perſone o^r perſones were tared and ſette, by the othes of him o^r them, that ſhalbe charged with ẏ leuie & payment of that ſumme o^r ſummes, the ſame commyſſioners ſhal make p^recept, in ſuch maner, as is ako^reſaide, fo^r to attache, take, and a^reſt the body of ſuch perſone o^r perſonnes, that ought to paye the ſayde ſummes, & by this act ſhalbe charged, with & fo^r the ſame ſumme, o^r ſūmes, & thē ſo takē, ſafely to be kept in p^riſon, within the ſhiere, o^r other place where any ſuch perſon o^r perſones ſhalbe taken, & attached, there to remayne without bayle o^r mainp^riſe, vntill he haue paid the ſūme, o^r ſūmes, that ſuch perſons fo^r himſelfe, o^r fo^r any other by this act, ſhalbe chargeable, o^r ought to bee charged withall, and alſo fo^r the fees of euery ſuch arreſt, to him, o^r them that ſhall execute ſuche p^recepte. xx. ō.

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And that euery officer, vnto whom such precept shalbe directed, doe hys true diligence to execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon paine to forfait to our said soueraigne lord the king, for euery default in that behalfe .xx.s. And that no keper of any gaile, from his gaile suffer any such person to goe at large by letting to baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue paied his said debt, and the said xx.ō. for the said arrest, vpon pain to forfait to our soueraigne lord .xl.s. & the same gailer to pay vnto our sayd soueraigne lord, ỳ double value aswel of the tate, which ỳ said person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the saide .xx.ō. for the fees. And lyke proces and remedye in lyke fourme shalbe graunted by the saide commissioners, at lyke informacion of euery person or persones, being charged with any summe of money for any other persone or persones by reason of the saide reliefes, euery of ỳ sayde three yeres, and not therof payd, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limit where such person was thereunto tared. And if the summe or summes, being behinde vnpayde, by any persone, or persones, as is before saide, be leuied, and gathered by force of the said proces, to be made by the same commissioners, or if in default, or for lack of payment therof, the persone or persons, so owing the sayd some, or sommes of money, by proces of the same commissioners to bee made, (as is aforesaid) bee committed to prison in fourme aboue saide, that then the said commissioners, whiche shall awarde suche proces, shal make certificat thereof in the said Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses in the terme next folowing, after such some or summes of money so beinge behind, shalbe leuied, and gathered, of suche persone or persons, and for none payment of the same committed to prison.

And if it happen any of the sayde collectours, to be assigned, or anye Maior, sherife, stewarde, constables, hedborroughes, houlholder, baylif, or anye other officer, or minister, or other whatsoeuer persō, or persons to disobey the sayd cōmissioners, or any of thē, in the reasonable request to thē made, by the said cōmissioners, for the perely execution of the said cōmissiō, during the said three yeres, or if anye of thofficers, or other persones do refuse that to them shal appertaine, or belonge to doe, by reasō of any precept to be to him or them directed, or any reasonable commaūdement, instraunce, or request, touching the premisses, or other default in any apparance, or collectiō do make, or if any persō, being suspect, or not to be indifferently tared, as is aforesaid, do refuse to be examined according to the tenor of this act, before the said cōmissioners, or as many of thē, as shalbe therūto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appere before the same cōmissioners, vpon warning to him made, or els make resistāce or rescous vpon any distresse, vpon him to be taken for any parcel of the said relief, or commit any misbehauour in any maner of wise, cōtrary to this act, or cōmit any wilfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wilful none doing, or misdoing, contrary to the tenor of this act or graunt: the same

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commissioners, or two of them at the least, vpō probable knowledge of any such misdemeanors, had by informacion or examinaciō shal & maye set vpon euery such offendour, for euery such offence in name of a fine by the same offendor, to be forfaited .xx.s. or vnder, by the discrecyon of the same cōmissioners. And further, the said cōmissioners, and euerye nomber of them, to two of thē at the least shall haue aucthoritie by thys present parliament, to punishe euery such offendour by imprisonment, there to remayne and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to thē conuenient. The said fines (if any such be) to be certified by the sayd cōmissioners, that so assessed ꝑ same into the said kings Exchequer, there to be leuied & paid by the collectours of that parties for the said reliefes returned into the said Exchequer, to be therwith charged with the payment of the said reliefs, in such maner, as if the said fines had been set & taxed vpon the said offendors, for the said reliefes.

It is also enacted by the saide aucthoritie of this present parliament that euery of the said high collectours, which shall accompt for any part of the said reliefes in the kings Exchequer, vpon their seuerall saide accompts to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely during the saide three yeres, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof anye such collector shalbe charged and yelde accompte, fyue pence, as parcell of theire sayde charge, that is to saye, two pence of euery pound thereof, for suche persones as then haue had the particuler collection, in the townes & other places (as is aforesaide) specified in his collection: & other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euerye of the sayde chiefe Collectours there accomptaunt, to receiue to their owne vse, for their labour & charge in, & about the premisses: and two pence of euerye pounde residue to bee deliuered, allowed, and payd by the saide collectour, so being thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for, and about the premisses: That is to saye, euery collectour to paye that commissioner or commissioners, whiche had the ordering and the writinges, of, and for the said reliefes, where the sayde collectour or collectours had theire collection, for expences of the sayde commissioners so taking vpon them the saide busines, & labour of theire clerkes, wrytinge the sayde preceptes and estreates for the saide collections, the same last .ii.d. of euery pounde, to be deuyded amongest ꝑ said commissioners, hauyng regarde to the labour and busines taken by thē and theire sayde clerkes, in and aboute the premysses, for whiche parte so to the sayde commissioners attaynynge, the saide commissioners and euerye of them toyntly and seuerally, for his or theire saide parte, maye haue his remedy against the saide collectour or collectours, which thereof been, and might haue been allowed, by action of debte, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neither protection or other essoine shalbe allowed.

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of this present Parliament, nor any commissioner shalbe named or assigned to be any collector, subcollector, or presentor of the saide reliefs or of anye part therof, nor no commissioner shalbe compelled to make anye presentment or certificat, other then the kinges Exchequer, or for, or cõcerning the said relieses, or any part therof in any of the said two yeres & in likewise that none other persone, that shalbee named or assigned to be commissioner in any place, to and for therecucion of this act of reliefs in any of ỳ said three yeres, be or shalbe assigned or named hed collector, in any of the said three yeres of the said reliefs, neither of any part therof. And that euery such person or persõs, which shalbe named & appoynted (as is aforesaid) to be hed collectours, in & for, one of the saide three yeres, shal not bee compelled to be collectour, for the other & laste yeare. And the sayde collectours, whych shalbe assigned for the collection of ỳ saide relieses, or of any part therof, & euery of them bee & shalbee acquyted and dyscharged of all maner fees, rewards, & of euery other charge in the kinges Exchequier or els where, of them or anye of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or anye thing concernyng the same to be asked. And that if any person receyue & take anye fee, rewardes, or pleasures, of any such accomptant: that then he shall forfait to the king, for euery peny or value of peny so taken. xx. ỏ. & suffer imprisonment at the kinges pleasure.

And after the taxing & assessing of the saide yerely relieses (as is beforesaid) had & made, & the saide estreates thereof in parchement, vnto the collectors (in maner & formes beforerehersed) deliuered, the sayd cõmissioners which shall take vpon them the execucion of this act, within the limits of their commission, by their agrements shall haue meetinges together, at which meting, euery of the said commissioners, which then shall haue taken vpon them, therecucion of any part of the said commission, shall by himselfe, or by his sufficient deputy, truely certifie & bringe forth vnto thother commissioners, named in the same cõmission the certificat & presentment made before hym and suche other commyssioners, as were limited with him in one limit, so that ỳ same certificats may be accompted & cast with other certificates, of thother limites within the same cõmission: & then the said commyssioners, & euery nomber of thẽ, vnto. ii. at the least (as is aforesaid) if they be in life, or their executours, or administratours of theire goods, if they be then dead, shall iointlye & seuerally as they were deuided within their limites, vnder their seales yerely, during the said three yeres, by their discrecion make one or seueral writinges, endented, containing in it, aswell the names of the sayde collectors, by the commissioners for suche collection & accompt in Therquier & payment in the saide receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse & seuerall summes, written vnto euery such collector, to receyue the said relieses, & also all fines, amerciamentes & other forfaitures, if any suche by reason of this act, happen to be within the precinct and limit of their

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commission to be certified into the kinges Exchequier, by the sayd commissioners yerely, duringe the saide .iii. yeres, before the daies payment therof, at the said receipt limitted and appointed. In whiche writing or writinges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared & expressed aswell the whole & entier summes and summe of the said reliefes, severally limitted to the collection of the saide collectours, as the names of the saide collectours, severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the saide summes, so that none of the saide collectours so certified in the said Exchequier, shalbe compelled there to accopt or to be charged, but onely to, and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not to, or for anye summe limitted to the collection of his felowes, but that euery of them shalbe severally charged for their parts limitted to their collectiō. And if the saide commissioners, ioyned in one commission amongst thē seiues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Commissioners: That then the same commissioners may make severall Indentures, in forme aforesaide, of their several limits or separacions of collectours wythin the limites of their commission, vpon, and in the hundredes, Wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other like deuisions, within their saide severall limites of theire commission, as the places there shall require to bee severed and deuyded, and as to the same commyssioners shall seeme to make deuisions of theire lymits or collections for the severall charges of the same collectours, so that alwaye one collectour shalbe charged and accompte for his parte, to him to bee limitted oneiye by himselfe, and not for any summe limitted to the parte of anye of hys felowes. And the charge of euery of the collectours, to be sette and certifyed severallye vppon them, and euerye suche collectour vppon hys accompte and payment of the summes of money, limitted within hys collection, to be severally by hymselfe acquyted and dyscharged in the said Exchequier, without paying any maner of fees or rewards, to any person or persons for the same, vpon the paine and penalty last abouesaid, and not to be charged for any porcion of anye other collectours. And yf any cōmissioner, after he hath taken certificate of them that (as is aforesaid) shal before any such commissioner bee examined, & the summes rated and set, & the bookes & writinges thereof being in his handes, or if any collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of any payment of any of the said reliefs, or any other person taxed, or otherwise by this act charged, with and for any parcell of the saide reliefes, or with anye other some for fine, amerciament, penalty, or other forfaiture, happen to dye before suche commissioners, collectour, or other whatsoeuer persone or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged it, which to euery such persone shall appertayne or belong to doe according to this acte, then the executors and heires of euery such persone and all other seyzed of any landes or tenementes, that any such persone being

being charged by this act and deceassing before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely had of estate of inheritaunce at the time that any such persone was named commyssioner, collectour, or in anye otherwise charged with & for any maner of thing to be done, satisfyed, or payde, by reason of this acte, and all those that haue in their possessions or handes any goodes or cattalles, that were to any such person at the time of his death, landes or tenementes that were the same persons at the time that he was (as is aforesaide, charged by this act, shalbe by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplishe in euery case as the same persone so being charged, shoulde haue doone, and might haue been compelled to doe, if he had been liuing, after such rate of the lands and goods of the saide commissioner or collectour, as the partye shall haue in his handes. And if the same commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shall thinke it not conuenient to ioine in one certificat, as is aforesaide: then the saide persone or persones that shall firste ioyne together, or he that shall first certifie the saide writing indented, as is aforesaide, shall certifie all the names of the commissioners of that comission, whereupon such writinges shall bee there then to be certified with diuisions of the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, tythynges, or other places, to and among such commissioners of the same commission, wyth the names of the same commissioners, where suche separacions & deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswel of and for the saide reliefes tared or set of, or within the said hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to him or them deuided or assigned that shall so certifie the said first writing, as of fines, amerciamentes, penalties, & other forfaitures, if anye happen to bee within the same limittes whereof the same writinges shalbe certified.

And after such writing indented, which (as is aforesaid) shalbe certified, and not conteine in it the whole and full summes set & tared within the limites of the same commission, the other commissioners of ꝑ same euery of the said three yeres, before the daye of payment of the saide reliefes, at the receipte limitted and appointed by this acte, shall certify into the saide Exchequier by their wryting or writinges indented to bee made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, sette and tared within the places to them limitted for the saide reliefes and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties and forfaitures, wyth the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned: or els by theire saide wrytynges indented to certifie at the sayde place before the day of payment therof at the said receipt, as is aforesaid, reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche certificat, of and for the saide reliefes, wyth fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and other forfaytures growing or sette by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certifying, as is abouesaid, or els in default therof proces to be made out of the kinges Exchequier agaynst the saide commissioners

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and euery of them, not making certificat, as it is afozesaid, by the discre-
cion of the Treasozer and Barons of the saide Exchequer.

Pzouyded alwaies, that if any persone oz persons chargeable to this
reliefe of payment foz his goods, shall happen at any time during ẏ sayd
three peres to be set oz pzesented in two oz mo places then one, and the
same being certified into the kinges courte of Exchequer, that then the
partie oz parties so set oz pzesented and certified, takyng a cozpozal othe
before the Barons of the kinges Exchequier, oz before any two of thē,
oz before any persone oz personnes being aucthozysed by commission to
bee directed from the saide Barons oz any of them, which commission oz
commissions, the said Barons oz .ii. of thē shalbe aucthoziſed, and haue
full power & aucthozitie to make by this act, that he oz they is oz be the
same selfe person oz personnes so set, and that he oz they is oz be set oz pze-
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by the space of one yere next before the taking of the same othe moze cō-
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so happen to be set oz pzesented then in the other: that then the party oz
parties so set oz pzesented in two oz mo places then one, & so taking hys
othe without anye other plee oz wziting, shalbee clerelye discharged a-
gainst the king, his heires and successours, of euerye of the saide assese-
ments and pzesentments, sauing onely of the assesement and pzesentmēt
in the place where he oz they was, oz were moste conuersaunt & dwel-
ling, as is afozesaide.

And it is also enacted by the aucthozitie afozesaid, that the Barōs of
the kinges Exchequer, oz two of them foz the time being, shall not onely
haue full power & aucthozitie to receiue and take the othe of such party
oz parties as shalbe so set oz pzesēted in any mo places then one, but shal
also vpon the same othe oz othes so taken, discharge the partie and par-
ties of all such sōmes of money as he oz they should be in any wise char-
ged with, sauing onely of suche summes of money as the same partye oz
parties were so selled at such place & places where he oz they were most
conuersant & dwelling, as is afozesaide,

And to thintent the kinges maiestie may be truely and iustly aunswe-
red of the saide reliefe of the polle of shepe before by vs graunted to hys
highnes: be it ozdeined & enacted by thaucthozity afozesaid, that yerely
during the said .iii. peres before the first day of May, there shalbe a com-
mission with pzecedules, containing in them the tenoz of this act to be an-
nexed to such commission directed vnder the kinges great seale of Eng-
land, into euery county, shiere, riding, citye, bozoughe, towne cozpozate
and the Ile of Wight, and into all and euerye other place wythin thys
realme and other the kinges dominions, that is oz shalbe chargeable to
the payment of the saide reliefe of the polle of shepe to such personnes as
the same yere before were cōmissioners foz the assesements and taracio
of the value of euery personnes goods and substaunce, in the same shiere

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or other place, or to as many of them as shalbe then liuing, and to suche other persones as the said Lord Chauncellour and other with him before named shal name and appoint. By the which commission, the commissioners shal haue full power & aucthoritie to enquire, by the othes of the persone, vicare, or curat, and .iiii. or as many honest persones of euerye parish, village, and hamlet, within the limittes of theire commission, whereof the Constable, Tithingman, or Borsolder shalbe one, if any constable, Tithingman, or Borsolder bee dwelling in the same parishe village, or Hamlet, & by the othes of as many other honest and discret persones as they shall think conuenient, or otherwise by suche meanes and policies as they shal think best, wherby the truth may appere of the nomber and natures of all and singuler sheepe, beinge within the limittes of theire commission whose they bee, in what towne or parishe the owner dwelleth, & of what estate or degree he is, & whether for the most parte of the yeare they bee kept in seuerall pastures, or seueral Marshes, or in commons, or groundes commonly vsed to be tilled: the tenour of which othe hereafter followeth.

¶ We shall diligently enquire, and iustly and truly presente and certifie vs the kyngs Commissioners, what nomber of ewes, wethers, & other sheere shepe bee, within the limites of youre charge, whose theye bee, in what towne or parish the owner dwelleth, of what condition & degree he is, and whether for the most parte of the yere they be kept in seuerall pastures or seuerall Marshes, or in commons or ground es commonlye vsed to be tilled, as ye trust to be saued by the merites of Christs passiō.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that yerely during the said .iii. yeres on ẏ Tuesday after the said feaste of the natiuitie of S. John Baptist, there shalbe a general suruey made of all & singuler sheepe, in euerye parishe, village, and other place within thys realme, the isle of Wight, & other the kinges dominions chargeable to the paiment of this relieke of sheepe, by such psones as shalbe appointed and sworne to doe the same in maner and fourme before rehersed.

And that vpon such suruey, euery shepe shalbe taken for a shere shepe, that is at that time of suruey of the age of one yere, or more, albeit the same sheepe be not at that time shorne.

And it is further ordained and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone to thintent to defraude therecution of this statut, shal remoue the saide daye of suruey, his sheepe before the surueye taken from the vsual place where they were cōmonly kept for the most parte of the yere, or els shal cause them, or any part of them, to be conueied to any other place, wherby they shal not be surueied, or whereby ẏ king shal lose any part of the relieke to him geuen by this statute, that euerye persone so offending, shal forfeit and lose to the kyngs maiestie, treble so muche as hee ought to pay by vertue of this statute.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that

if anye persone summoned to appeare before the said Cõmissioners, do make defaulte hauing no reasonable excuse: or appearing, shal refuse to take the said othe, or taking the said othe shall not diligently attende & endeuoure therecution therof, or shal not appere, and make presentmẽt before the saide Commissioners, at suche tyme and place, as he shalbee appointed, that euery person so offendinge, for euery suche defaute shall forfeit, and lose to the kynges maiestie. xl.s.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaide, that yearely during the said three yeres, within one moneth next after ẏ suruay of sheepe, and the presentmentes made by the vewers of the sheepe in maner and fourme as is before declared, the commissioners in euerye shire, or other place shall all or the most parte assemble themselues together, and confer the presentments made before them of the sheepe, with the presentmẽts before made of the value of the goodes and substaũce of all persones within the limittes of theire commission. And that vpon suche collations of the presentments, if it shal appeare vnto them that anye persone is chargeable by vertue of this acte, to paye for the polle of his sheepe, which before was not charged for his goods. Or that if any person within the limittes of their cõmissiõ be chargeable to paye more after the rate of the polle of his sheepe presented before thẽ, then he was before for the value of his substaunce of his goodes, ẏ saide Commissioners, or the more part of them as they shalbee deuided, shall within one moneth next after such assembly by their writinges indented to bee signed and sealed by them, make forthe extreates of all & singuler summes of money that any persone ought to paye for the rate of the polle of hys sheepe, not beinge before charged with his goodes, or for the ouerplus that any pſone ought to paye for that the rate of the polle of his sheepe doth surmount the paiment before made of the value of his goodes, & the same writings, shal not onely deliuer vnto sufficient and substancial inhabitantes, constables, subconstables, and other officers & persones iointely of hundredes, townes, parishes, and other places within the limittes where the owners dwell, or haue theire most vsuall abidinge to be leuied, gathered, and receiued of the owner of suche sheepe, or his executours or administratours, but also shall in like maner deliuer the like writing to the hyghe Collectoure of the same limit, to charge him with the receipt therof of the subcollectour, or subcollectours, and the paimẽt thereof at the kinges receipt. And that the said subcollectoures & Commissioners, shall not onely haue for theire labour. vi.d. of euerye pounde comming, and growinge, and to bee paied to the kynges Maiestie, for the releife of the polle of the sheepe by vertue of thys acte, but also that they and euery of them shall haue the like power and auctoritie to gather and leuie the same, and all fines and forfeitures comminge and growinge for the execution and gathering of thys releife of the polle of sheepe by such like waies and meanes as before in this acte be limitted

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and appointed for the leuynge and gathering of the relefe of goodes. And that the said commissioners, collectours, & all & euery other person and persones shall behaue, order, and vse themselues in all and euerye thing concerning therecution of this parte of the statute, touchinge the leuying and gatheringe of the relefe of the polle of sheepe, as before in this acte is limitted and appointed for to doe touching the relefe of the goodes vpon like paines, penalties & forfaitures, as bee before declared in thys acte.

Prouided alwayes, & bee it ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide: that all and singuler summes of mony due to the kyngs Maiestie of this relefe of the polle of sheepe, shalbe gathered by the subcollectour or highe collectour of the limittes where the owner dwelleth, & in none other place.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the saide Commissioners for the survey of the nomber and value of the sheepe shall yerely during the said three yeres make returne and certificat vnto the kinges Excheker before the. x. daye of October, aswell of the counterpane of all & euery extreates deliuered by them to the highe collectours, as also of all & singuler presentmentes made before them, & of all & singuler their procedinges concerning the said commission. And that in the ende of all and euery their certificats they shall make special remembraunces & declarations of all and singuler persones not dwelling within the limittes of their commission, that haue sheepe within ỳ limittes of the same commission where such persons dwell, and of what state and degre they be, what nomber, & what kinde of sheepe they bee, & in what grounds for the most part of the yere they be kept. And that vpon such returne & certificat of the commission, to be made by the commissioners for the survey of sheepe, being conferred with the bokes of ỳ taration and value of the substaũce of euery person, if it shal appere that the kynges Maiestie ought to haue more by any meanes towarde the saide relefe then before was paied or payable, that then vpõ an extreat therof to be made, out of the said court of the Escheker to the highe collector of the place where the partie that ought to paye more dwellethe, the same collector shalbe therewith charged, and shall gather and leuie the same, in like maner and fourme as hee ought to doe the reste of hys collections.

And to thintent the kyngs Maiestie may be fully answered for the relefe by vs before graunted of the price and value of all clothes: be it ordained and enacted, that the Commissioners to bee apointed for the taration of the relefe of the substaunce of euerye persone, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte and of theire commission, as they shalbe deuided, to name, constitute, and appoint in euery Citie, borough, Towne, Hundred, and parish, within the limittes of their de-

uisions by their discrecions, suche & so many honest, substancial, and discrete menne, to be prayisers of the said clothes, chargeable to the paimēt of this relieue of clothes, as they shall thinke conuenient and necessarye, and them frō time to time to alter and put new in theire places as they shall haue occasion. And that the saide prayisors before they take vppon them the apprayisement of such clothes, shalbe sworne in maner and forme folowing.

Ye shal faithfullye and truely esteeme and set the iust price and value of all suche clothes as shalbe brought vnto you to be viewed & prayised, as ye shall in your consciences think the same woorth, to be solde when they shalbe wrought, and the same shal not suffer to be deliuered out of your custodie, till ye haue made of the coloure, kinde and price thereof an entry, both in the booke of the clothier, and also of the Aulnageour, or hys deputie, and set to your handes or markes, declaring who was the owner of the clothe, and the kinde & price thereof, so helpe you God, & by thys booke.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by thauthoritie aforesaide: that all kinde of clothes, which from and after the feaste of the Natiuitie of sainct John Baptiste nexte comming, during the space of three yeares then folowing, shalbee made within this Realme or Wales, to be vttered and put to sale, shalbe sealed with the kings seale, remayninge in the custodie of the Aulnageour, or his deputie or deputies, and prayised by two of the said prayisers at the least, and entred into the bookes hereafter in thys acte mencioned, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same clothe, the one halfe to the kynges Maiestie, the other to the partie that shall seaze the same.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that there shal bee ii. bookes yerely made, of the apprayising of all and euery kinde of clothe to be made during the said. iii. yeres, the one of which bokes to remain with the Aulnageour or his deputie, wherin shalbe written the colour, kinde and price of all and singuler clothes, viewed and apprayised that yere, according to the tenor of this statut, vnto whiche boke the owner of euery clothe or some other person for him, and the prayisers shal set to their handes or markes when the clothe is sealed: And the other booke shal remain with ꝑ owner of the said clothe, whereunto the saide Aulnageour and prayisours shall set their handes and markes. And that the owner of all and euery clothe chargeable to the paiment of the relief of clothes graunted by this acte, yerely within. xx. daies after the yere expired, shal deliuer his saide booke so subscribed or marked with the handes of the Aulnageour or his deputie and prayisours to the Commissioners, for the taxation & assessment of the saide Relieue, within the limitte where suche Clothier dwelleth or to one of them, vpon paine of forfaiture by the same Clothier of treble, so muche as he ought to paye to the

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kynge,by reason of the aforesaid relefe of his clothes so sealed.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that euery Aulnegeour shal yerely from & after the said feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming,kepe a perfit boke of the colour, kynde,and price of all and singuler clothes by him sealed, & the names of the owners thereof,in maner and fourme as is before declared,& the same booke yearely shall make and deliuer to the Commissioners, for the taration of goodes within the limittes where suche Clothe maker dwelleth,or to one of thē,within.xx.daies next after the yeare expired.

And it is further ordained and enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that if any Aulnageour or his deputy do not make and deliuer the said booke in maner & fourme before rehersed, or doe wilfully conceale any clothe by him sealed,& do not enter it into the saide booke, that for such offence the saide Aulnageour shal not onelye forfait his office, but also shall make fine at the kinges will.

And it is also ordained and enacted by thauctheritie aforesaide, that the said Commissioners of that limitte hauing receiued the said bookes of the Aulnageour or his deputie or deputies and the owner of the clothes shal conferre the rates of the Relefe of the clothes comprehended in the said booke,with the taration & paiment of the owner of the same clothes for his goods. So that if it shal appere therby to them, that the owner of anye clothe is chargeable to paye for hys clothes, whiche before was not chargeable for his goodes, for that suche owner ought to paye more after the rate of the Relefe of hys clothes containinge in the bookes deliuered to them,then he was before charged for the value of his substaunce of his goodes,the saide Commissioners as they be deuided,shal within one moneth next after the said bokes receiued, by their writing indented to be signed & sealed by them, make further extreates of all and singuler summes of money that any person ought to paye for hys clothes,not being before charged with his goodes , & for the ouerplus that any suche persone ought to pay for that the rate of his clothes doeth surmount the paiment of the value of his goodes before made,& the same writing shal deliuer to the high collectour of the same limitte, to charge him with the receipt thereof,of the maker of the said clothes: & the paiment thereof at the kings receipte. And that the said highe collectour shal haue the like power and auctheritie to gather & leuy the same,by suche like wayes and meanes as before in this acte be limitted & appointed to the subcollectour for the leuieng & gathering of the relefe of goodes.

And it is further ordeined and enacted, by thauctheritie aforesaide, that the saide Commissioners shall yerely during the saide three yeares make returne and certificat in the kynges Escheker, before the tenthe daye of October,not onelye of the counterpane of all & euery extreates

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deliuered by him to the high collector, but also of the booke receiued of the Iulnegeour as is aforesaide, and the praisours names, and of all & singuler theire procedings, concerning the said paiment of the relieke of Clothes.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that euery of the said hygh collectours which shal accompt for any part of the said relieke of clothes in the kinges Eschecker, vpon their seuerall said accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely during the said three yeares, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, wherof any such collector shalbe charged and yelde accompt. vi. pence as parcel of their said charge, that is to saye. ii. ō of euery pounde therof for suche persones as be limitted to be praisours, for their paines and labours, and other. ii. ō. of euery pound thereof euery of the said chiefe Collectors there accomptaunt to receiue to their owne vse for their labours and charge in and about the premisses: & . ii. pence of euery pound residue to bee deliuered, allowed, and paied by the said Collectors, so being thereof allowed, to such of the commissioners as shal take vpon them the busines & labour for and about the premisses, that is to say, euery Collector to paye that Commissioner or Cōmissioners, which had the ordering and writinges of and for the saide relieke of clothes, where the said Collectour or collectours had their collection, for expences of the said Commissioners so taking vpon them the said busines and labor of their clarkes, writtinge the saide preceptes and estreetes for the said collections, the same last. ii. ō. of euery pounde to bee deuided among the saide Commissioners, hauing regarde to the labour and busines taken by them and theire saide clarkes in & about the premisses. For which part so to ỳ said commissioners attaining the saide commissioners. vi. v. iiii. iii. or as many of them as shalbe therto appointed by the kyngs commission and euery of them iointly and seuerally for his or their said parte may haue his remedy against the said collectour or collectours, which thereof beene and might haue beene allowed by action of debte, in whiche the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, iniunction, or other essoine shall bee allowed.

Prouided alwaies, that this graunt or relieke, nor anye other thinge therin conteined, do in any wise extend to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Irelād, Bulleine, and the coūtie of the same, Calleis, Hammes, Guisnes, and the marshes of the same, Jerneley and Garneley or any of them, of for or cōcerning any goodes whiche the said inhabitaunts or dwellers, or any other to theire vse haue within Irelande, Bulleine, the countie of the same, Calleys, Hammes, Guisnes, or other marches of the same, Jerneley, Garneley, or in any of them.

Prouided also, that the said graunt of relieke doe not in any maner of wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtful to thinhabitauntes or resiantes

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at this present time within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of their members incorporate or united to ỳ same fiue Portes, or to anye of the same fiue Portes, of, or for any pte, or parcell of the said summes graũted in this present Parlament of the saide inhabitaunts now resiaũts, or any of them to bee taxed, set, asked, leuied, or paied, but that the saide inhabitaũtes & now resiauntes in the saide Portes, & their membres, & euery of them be & shalbe of, and from the said graunt, & paiment of the saide relefe of their goodes and cattels, during their resiaunce there & no lõger acquited & discharged, any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present acte, had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also that thys present act of relefe, ne any other thing therin contcined extende to any of the English enhabitauntes or resiauntes in any of the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmeriãd, the towne of Barwike, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, & the Bishoprycke of Durham, nor to any of them of, for, or concerning any goodes, clothes, or shepe, which the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the saide counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmerland, or the towne of Barwike, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of thẽ, but that they and euery of thẽ, shalbe of & from the said relefe, of & for their goodes, lieng & being in the same counties, townes, & bishoprycke, & any of them vtterly, acquited, & discharged, any thing in this present act before rehersed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this act, ne any thing therin conteined shall extẽd to the goodes of any colledge, hall, or Ostle, within the vniuersities of Oxford and Cambrige or any of them, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by bishop Wikham, or to the goodes of the college of Eton, nere Windsore, or to the goodes of any reader, or scholer within the said vniuersities and colleges, or any of them there remaining for study, without fraude, or couin, any thing in thys act cõteined to the cõtrarye in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no spiritual persone shalbe charged by this act for any of his goodes or cattals, other then of shepe, nor shalbe charged by this acte for any such his sheepe which he hath, or at any time vẽ three yeres next folowing shal haue, or kepe for the onely purpose to be spẽt, or eaten in his howse, so as the nomber of the same shepe, so purposed to be spẽt & eaten yerely in his said house, do not excede the nomber of .iiii.c. shepes for one yere, nor for any such his sheepe, as do go and fede, or shall go or feede for the most parte, or euery yere of three yeres next comming, vpon his landes, tenementes, or commons, whereof suche spiritual persones, is, or shalbe seazed in the right of his churche or promotion spiritual, which landes, tenementes, or cõmons be chargeable to the paiment of the first fruites and tenthes.

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And forasmuche as diuers and sundry the kyngs maiesties tenaunts, & other thinhabitauntes & dwellers within the counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Breknocke, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Marioneth, Anglesey, Carneruon, & of the countie Palētine of Chester, be at this present time charged and chargeable with the seueral paiments of diuers great summes of mony (by the name of a Myse) due to his Maiestie, according to the seuerall customes of the said counties, for the paiment wherof diuers and sundry the gentlemen and other thinhabitauntes of the saide counties bee, and stande bounde to his highnes: the king our soueraigne Lord is therfore pleased & contented, that it be prouided, ordeined, and enacted by thauctho-ritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therin cōteined, shall not extēd to charge any of the kinges maiesties tenauntes, & other thinhabitaūts & dwellers within any of the said counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Breknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Marioneth, Anglesey, Carneruon and the County Palantine of Chester being charged or chargeable with ẏ said mise, for or with anye of the paiments of the said reliefe, graunted to the kynges Maiestie by this acte, vntill the seuerall dayes and tymes appointed and agreed for the paiments of the said Myses shalbe expired. And that the firste payemēt of the said reliefe of goodes shalbe made at the receipt of the kings Exchequer before the first day of May then next folowing after ẏ daye appointed for the latter paimente to bee made of the said Myse, and so yerely before the first daye of May, at the receipt of the said Excheker, vntill the three seueral paiments of the said relief be fully made, in such & like maner, forme, and order, as is ordeined and appointed by this act for the kynges subiectes, concerninge the saide reliefe of goodes to bee made at the receipt of the said Escheker, according to the tenour of this p̄sent act. And also ẏ the first paiment of the reliefe for Clothes & sheepe in euery of the said seueral counties, shalbe made in the saide Excheker after the said Myses, due to be payed at such and like dayes and times yerely as is afore limitted by this acte, this acte or any thing therin cōteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore be it enacted by thaucthority aforesaide, that the tenauntes and dwellers of euery of the said Counties, in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerallye before the feaste of S. Martine the Byshop next ensuing, certifie in the kinges saide courte of Excheker vnder the seale of two Justices of peace, of euery of the saide Counties, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, when and at what day the last paiment of the said seuerall Myses, in euery of the said Counties shall ende and expire.

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¶ The. xxxvii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte against the carying of Bell mettall out of the Realme.

WHere in the Parliament holden at westminster, in the xxviii. yeare of our late soueraigne Lorde of famous memory king Henry the eight, it was enacted that noe person or persons, should cary, or conuey by water or otherwise, any brasse, copper, latton, bellmetall, panne metall, or gunne metal, or shrofle metal, whether it be cleane, or mixed (tinne and leade onely excepted) into any part beyond the sea or into any outward realme, or dominiõ, whatsoeuer it be, vppon paine of forfaiture of double the value thereof. And where also by the saide estatute, it was likewyse enacted, that no persone or persones, shoulde at any time shippe, or cary anye of the said metals, to cary or discharge the same in any part of this realme, onles such persone or personnes, before the shipping thereof did declare and manyfest vnto the customers of suche a porte, or creke, where the same metall should be shipped, the true weight of all suche metall as should bee shypped, and should also make a sufficient obligacion in the lawe, in ꝑ which bee shoulde bee bounden to the sayde customer, to the kynges vse, in such summe as shoulde amount to the double value of the saide metall so declared, and manyfested, wyth condycion that the same shoulde bee discharged at some porte, or creeke, wythin thys Realme, and in no other place, vppon payne to forfayte the same; in manner and fourme aboue rehearsed, as by the saide acte, emongest other thynges more playnelye appeareth.

Forasmuch as the paynes and forfaytures in the saide estatute, are not great ynough, and forasmuch also, as diuers couetous, and greedy persons, hauing no respect or obedience to the lawes, haue craftely, and by all sinister meanes practised to defraude the saide estatute, some by bribing & rewardinge the searchers, masters, pursers, or other officers of shippes, some by secret conueying therof in small creekes, sugre chests hogsheddes or otherwise: Be it therefore ordeyned & enacted that from & after the feast of Easter next comming, no person or persons shall cary or conuey, or ship, to thintent to cary or conuey, any Brasse, Copper, latton, bell metall, pan metall, gunne metall, or shrofle metal, whether it be cleare or mixed (tynne & leade onely excepted) into any part beyonde the sea, or into any outward realme, or dominion whatsoeuer it be, vpõ peine to forfait the double value therof, & x. li. for euery thousãd weight of the same metall so caried, & conueyed, or shipped, to thintent to be caried or conueyed, the tryall whereof shalbe in like maner and fourme, as in the said former act is expressed.

And be it further enacted, that no persone or persones, after the sayde

feast, shall shippe, or cary any of the sayd mettals prohibited by thys statute, to carye, or discharge the same in any parte of thys Realme, vnles suche persone or persons, before the shipping thereof, do declare and manifest to the Customer of such port, or creke, where the same metall shall be shipped, the true weight of all such metall as shalbe shipped, and shall also before the shipping thereof, make a sufficient obligacion in the law, in which he shalbe bounde to the said customer to the kings vse, in suche sume as shall amount to the double value, and .x.li. for euery C. weight so declared & manifested, with condicion, as in the sayde statute is appointed and enacted, & shall make certificat of ẏ discharge therof, in like maner as in the saide statute is further ordeined & enacted.

And be it further enacted, that if any customer, comptroller, or hys or their deputy or deputies, by couin, or by any other vndue meane, wil suffer any person, after that the metall is shipped, or caried, contrary to the meaning of this act, to make obligacion or obligacions, without dates, for the discharge and certificat of their metall, as is afore said, that then suche Customer, so sufferinge, or receyuynge suche obligacion, or obligacions, shall lose his office and the value of the metalle so shypped, or caryed.

And be it further enacted, that if any master, owner, purser, or boteswayne of any shippe, doe willingly permitte or suffer any of the metals aboue sayde to bee shipped, contrary to the tenour of this acte, or els perceyuing any suche metall to be shipped, doe not disclose the same within three dayes after knowledge had to the customer or controller, of the same port, or his or their deputie or deputies, where the same is shipped, that then euery such owner, master, purser, or boteswaine, so willingly putting the same metall to be shipped, or concealing the same when hee perceyueth it to be shipped, shal forfait the double value of the same metall so shipped or caried. And if any customer, or searcher doe willingly suffer any of the metals afore said, to bee shypped contrarye to the meaning of this act, or els hauing knowledge, that it is secretlye shipped, or caried, doe not seaze the same to the kinges vse, then euerye customer, or searcher so offendinge, shall lose his office, and the value of the metall so shipped or caried.

And be it further enacted, ẏ no person nor persons, shal after the sayde feast, lade, ship, or cary, into any part beyond the sea, any of the metalles afore said, but onely out of such port or creke, where the customer, or his deputie is resident, and dwelling, vpon payne of forfaiture of the sayde metall, & .x.li. for euery thousand weight, so shipped or caried, the moytie of all which forfaytures, shalbe to our souereigne Lorde the kinge, and the other moytie to him or them that will sue for the same by bill, plaint information, action of debt, or otherwise in any of the kinges courts, in whiche no Essoine, or protection, or wager of Lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

And

And be it further enacted, that ꝑ ſaid eſtatute made in the ſaid. xxviiii yeare of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng Henrye the eyght, and euerye article & ꝓuiſion, being not altered by this eſtatute, ſhalbee good and effectuall.

¶The.xxxviii.Chapiter.
¶An acte for the pauyng of Calice.

FOraſmuche as the ſtreates, lanes, and waies within the kynges maieſties towne of Calice, be very foule ruinous, noyſome, and full of pittes, and ſlowes, verye daungerous, and perilous, aſwell for the kynges ſubiects through and by them paſſing and repayring, aſwell on horſebacke, as on foote, as alſo with caryage, for lacke of good pauynge: for the good amendement and reformacion whereof, it may therefore pleaſe the kings highnes with the aſſent of his lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and of his commons in this his high courte of Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that it maye bee ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that al and euerye perſone, bodies politique, and corporate, which now haue, or at any time hereafter ſhall haue, any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, or by reaſon of the wardſhip of anye heire duringe the nonage of the ſame heire, or otherwiſe lyinge or beinge within the ſaide towne of Calice, ſhall on thiſſide the feaſt of Saynt Michael the Archaungell, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lorde God a thouſand fiue hundred, fiftie and one, well and ſufficientlye paue or cauſe to be paued with pauing ſtone, all the ſtreates, lanes, and wayes, and cauſeis within the ſayde towne of Calice with the channell running in the middell. Euerye man ſuche parte and quantitie of the ſame ſtreates, lanes, and wayes, and cauſeis vnto the middeſt of the ſame ſtreates, lanes, wayes, and cauſeis and euery of them in length, as his or theire landes or tenementes, doe ly or extend: Except the lower high ſtreates within the ſayde towne of Calice, which the Maior, and the Aldermen of the ſayd towne haue vſed to paue, & of right ought ſo to doe. And alſo be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that all and euerye ſuche perſones, hauing, or which hereafter ſhall haue, landes or tenementes in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, or otherwiſe, as is aforeſaide, lying, being, or adioynynge to and next eyther ſide of ꝑ ſame ſtreates, lanes, waies, or cauſeis, or any of them, their heires, aſſignes, or ſucceſſours, after and from the feaſte of ſaint Michael the Archangel, whiche ſhalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde God, a thouſande, fiue hundreth, fiftie and one, ſhall yerely maintayne and repaire the ſame pauementes, and euery of them, ouer againſt hys or their ſaide landes and tenementes, well and ſufficientlye from tyme

to time, when and as often as nede shall require, at all tymes hereafter with pauing stone, vpon payne to forfayte, for euerye yarde square not sufficientlye paued. viii. pence to the kinges Maiesties vse, as often as any such defaulte of anye persone, shalbe presented by the verdicte of xii men, or by thre sufficient witnesses, before the Maior and Aldermen, of the saide towne of Calice, for the time being. And that the sayd Maior and Aldermen of the same towne of Calice, shall haue full power & aucthoritie to leuie the same to the kinges vse, by distres or plaint, in suche manner and fourme, as they haue hereto fore vsed, and accustomed, to leuie fines or amerciamentes within the sayde towne of Calice, and the same to be payde in the kynges Exchequer there. And if the said Maior and aldermen for the time being, bee at anye time or times negligent or remisse in executing of the premisses vnto them appointed by this acte, and namely after two or three monicions, to them geeuen by the Lorde Deputie, Treasorer, and comptroller of the same towne for the time being, or two of them that then the saide Lorde Deputie, Treasurer and Comptroller or two of them, shall from time to time, by vertue of thys acte, haue full power and aucthoritie, to correct, and reforme the saide Maiors, and Aldermen, so found in default, by reasonable fine, or amerciament, to be leuied vpon them, by waye of distres, or otherwise by the forsaide Treasourer, and Comptroller to the kinges vse and behooke, for euery suche default, the same fine, or amerciament, to bee aunswered within the kinges Exchequer there.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted, that if the Leassees or occupiers of the same landes or tenementes, so to bee paued within the sayde towne, doe sufficientlye paue, or repaire the same before their mansions or dwelling places, the forsaide streates, lanes, wayes, or causeys, that they and euerye of them shall defaulke, abate, & retayne in his or theire owne handes, as muche of the rentes due to the Lessours, as theye can duelye proue to haue expended on the same paynge. And the Lessour, forasmuche as that summe dothe amount vnto, to haue noe action nor reentre, for the none payment of the same, except it bee otherwise agreed betweene them. And where also within the sayde towne of Calyce, there are diuers houses and tenements couered & thacked with Reede and Strawe, to the great peryll and daunger of fyer, wythin the same Towne (whiche God defende.) For the spedy remedye, and good reformation whereof: bee it also enacted by the aucthoritie of thys present Parliament assembled, that from hence forth no persenne nor personnes whatsoeuer they be, shall couer, or thacke anye manner houses, or buyldynges within the saide towne with reede or strawe, but onelye wyth tyle or slate. And that all houses and buyldings which are already couered with rede or strawe within ẏ said towne, shalbe on this side ẏ feaste of saint Michael the Archangel, which shalbe in the yere of oure Lorde God, a thousand, fiue hundred fiftie and two, wholye and fully couered

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with tyle or slate, at and by the proper costes and charges of the takers of the profits of the same houses and buildings for the time being. And whatsoeuer owner or owners of the said houses or tenements, within the same towne on this syde the said feast of saint Michael the Archangel, which shalbe in the said yere of our lord God. M. D. lii. do not take and pluche downe the same strawe and rede from the said buyldinges & houses, and couer them againe newly with tile or slate, within the same time: that then euerye suche owner or owners, for not doing thereof in fourme aboue said, shal forfait to the king our soueraigne lord for euery mansion house not so done. xl. li. the same forfayture to bee leuied by the same Treasorer or Controller (for the time being) to the kings vse, and to be payd into the kinges Exchequer there.

¶ The. xxxix. Chapiter.

¶ The kinges Maiesties free and most generall Pardon.

THe kynges moste royall Maiestie, righte well perceyuyng his louyng subiectes by many and sundry wayes and meanes, to haue borne and sustayned the great aduentures, charges, and busines of warres, and defēces of this his realme, aswell in the tyme of his most deare father king Henry the eight, as in his time and reigne, entending of his clemency and pitie to gratifie his sayd subiectes with his graces free and liberall Pardon, according to hys Kingly power, trusting assuredlye that his sayde subiectes will contynue his louing and assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in suche sort obey his highnesse lawes and statutes, as to them and euery of thē of right apperteynethe, is fullye and resolutelye contented and pleased, that it bee enacted by authority of this present Parliament, in manner and fourme following: That is to saye, that all and euerye of hys sayde subiectes, aswell Spyrituall as Temporall of thys hys Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley and Gerneley, Barwyke, Caleys, Guysnes, Hammes, Bulloigne, and Bullonis: and the Marches of the same, the heires, successours, executors, and administrators of thē and euerye of them, and all and singuler bodies, in anye maner of wyse corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tythinges, and euery of them, and the successor and successors of them, shalbe by thauthoritie of this present parliament, acquited, pardoned, released and discharged against the kinges highnes, his heires, successours, and executours, and euery of them of al maner of treasons, heresies, felonies, robberies, offēces, contēptes, trespasses, wrongs, deceites, misdemeanors, forfeitures,

penalties and profites, ſummes of money, paines of deathe, paynes cor-
porall, and pecuniary, and all other thinges, cauſes, querels, ſuites, iudge-
ments, and executions, which may be, or can be by his highneſſe, in any
wyſe, or by anye meanes pardoned before, and vnto the. xiiii. daye of
Marche, the yeare of our Lorde God, M.D.xlviii. other then ſuche as
hereafter in this acte bee excepted and forepriſed, in ſuche manner and
fourme, and vnto ſuch times as they be excepted or forpriſed in this act,
and other then ſuch as the clauſes of prouiſo hereafter mencioned, doth
extende vnto.

And alſo the kinges highnes is further contented and pleaſed, that it
be enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that thys hys
ſaid generall and free pardon, ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the law,
to euery of his ſaid ſubiectes, bodies corporate, & other before reherſed,
and to euery of them, by the ſaid generall wordes before rehearſed in al
thinges, which be not hereafter in this preſent act excepted or forpriſed,
as the ſame pardon ſhould haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forfai-
tures, cauſes, matters, ſuites, querels, iudgementes, executions, penal-
ties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor contayned in any
clauſe of prouiſo hereafter mencioned, had been particularly, ſingularly,
ſpecially, & plainly, named, reherſed, and ſpecified, and alſo pardoned by
proper and expreſſe wordes & names in their kindes, natures, and qua-
lities, by wordes and termes thereunto requiſite to haue bee put in and
expreſſed in this acte of free pardon.

And that his ſaid ſubiectes, nor any of them, nor their executours nor
adminiſtrators of any of them, nor any of the ſaid bodies corporate, nor
any other perſon, bodies politique or corporate before named, or any of
thē be, nor ſhalbe ſued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goods, landes
or cattals, for any maner matter, cauſe, contempt, miſdemeanour, forfai-
ture, treſpaſſe, offence, or anye other thyng ſuffred, done, or committed a-
gainſt his highnes crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or ſtatutes, but
onely for ſuch matters, cauſes, & offences, as be rehearſed in the excepti-
ons and clauſes of prouiſo, in this preſent acte hereafter mencioned, in
ſuche maner & fourme, as in the ſame exceptions and clauſes of prouiſo
bee mencioned, and for none other: anye ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſ-
tomes, vſes, or preſidents heretofore had, made, or vſed, to the contrary
in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And alſo the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie by the auc-
thoritie of this preſent parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to eue-
ry of his ſaide ſubiectes, and euerye of the ſayde bodies corporate, and
other before reherſed, and to euery of them, all ſuch landes, tenements,
and hereditaments, goods, cattals, debtes, fines, iſſues, profites, amer-
ciamentes, forfaitures, and ſummes of money by any of them forfaited,
which to his highneſſe doth or ſhould belong or appertayne, by reaſon
of any offence, contempt, treſpaſſe, miſdemeanour, matter, cauſe, querel,

ſuffred

ſuffred,done,or committed by thē or anye of them,which be not hereafter forprised or excepted in this preſent act.

And that all and euery the kinges ſaide ſubiectes,and all and ſinguler bodies corporate,and other before rehearſed,may by him or themſelues,or by his or their deputie,or deputies,or by his or their atturney or atturneis,according to the lawes of this realme,pleade & miniſter thys preſent act of free pardon for his or their diſcharge,of & for euery thyng that is by vertue of this preſēt act pardoned,diſcharged,geuē,or grauted without any fee or other thing in any wiſe paying to any perſon or perſons for writing or entry of the iudgemēt,or other cauſe concerning ſuch plee,writing,or entrye,but onely,xii.d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that ſhal enter the plea,matter,or iudgement,for the diſcharge of any of the parties ſo pleading the ſame,any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And furthermore,the kinges highnes is pleaſed and contented,that it be enacted by auethoritie of this preſent Parliamēt,that his ſaid free Pardon by the generall wordes before reherſed,ſhalbe reputed,demed,and iudged,allowed,and taken in all maner of courtes and els where,aſwel in the words and clauſes of exceptions and forprises ſpecified in this preſent act,as in all and ſinguler other clauſes,wordes,and ſentences mencioned & rehearſed in this his ſaid free pardon moſt beneficially and auaylably to all and ſinguler his ſaide ſubiects,bodies corporate,& other before reherſed,and to euery of them in all things ambiguous or doubtfull,and moſt ſtrongly in Barre and diſcharge againſt hys highnes,his heires,ſucceſſours,and executours,in euery thing without any obſtacle,challēge,or other delay,whatſoeuer it ſhalbe to bee made,pleaded,obiected,or alledged by the king our ſoueraigne lord,his heirs,ſucceſſours,or executours,or by his,or any of their generall attorney or attorneys,or by any perſon or perſons for his highnes or any of his heires ſucceſſours,or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our ſoueraigne Lord,by auethoritie of this preſent parliament,that if any officer or clerke of any his highnes courtes,commonly called the kinges Bench, Chauncerye, and Common place,or his Exchequer,or of any other officer or clerke, of any other court within this realme or in Wales,or other his highnes dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the tenth daye of May next comming,which ſhalbe in the yere of oure Lorde God a thouſand cccc.xlix.make oute,or write oute any maner writtes or other proceſſe, or anye extractes,ſummons,or other precepts,whereby any of the ſaid Subiectes,or any of the ſaide bodies corporate,or other before rehearſed,or any of them,ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtrayned, ſummoned,or otherwiſe vexed,inquieted, or grieued in his or their bodyes landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles , or in anye of them,for,or because of any manner of thing pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of thys

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penalties and profites, summes of money, paines of deathe, paynes corporal, and pecuniary, and all other things, causes, querels, suites, iudgements, and executions, which may be, or can be by his highnesse, in any wyse, or by anye meanes pardoned before, and vnto the. xiiii. daye of Marche, the yeare of our Lorde God, M.D.xlviii. other then suche as hereafter in this acte bee excepted and reserued, in suche manner and fourme, and vnto such times as they be excepted or reserued in this act, and other then such as the clauses of prouiso hereafter mencioned, doth extende vnto.

And also the kinges highnes is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that thys hys said generall and free pardon, shalbe as good and effectuall in the law, to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, & other before rehersed, and to euery of them, by the said generall wordes before rehearsed in al things, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted or reserued, as the same pardon should haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suites, querels, iudgementes, execucions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor contayned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mentioned, had been particularly, singularly, specially, & plainly, named, rehersed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names in their kindes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite to haue bee put in and expressed in this acte of free pardon.

And that his said subiectes, nor any of them, nor their executours nor administrators of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate, nor any other person, bodies politique or corporate before named, or any of thē be, nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goods, landes or cattals, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfaiture, trespasse, offence, or anye other thyng suffred, done, or committed against his highnes crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statutes, but onely for such matters, causes, & offences, as be rehearsed in the exceptions and clauses of prouiso, in this present acte hereafter mencioned, in suche maner & fourme, as in the same exceptions and clauses of prouiso bee mencioned, and for none other: anye statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or presidents heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And also the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie by the auctoritie of this present parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of his saide subiectes, and euerye of the sayde bodies corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, all such landes, tenements, and hereditaments, goods, cattals, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money by any of them forfaited, which to his highnesse doth or should belong or appertayne, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, misdemeanour, matter, cause, querel,

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ſuffred, done, or committed by thē or anye of them, which be not hereafter forprised or excepted in this preſent act.

And that all and euery the kinges ſaide ſubiectes, and all and ſinguler bodies corporate, and other before rehearſed, may by him or themſelues, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneis, according to the lawes of this realme, pleade & miniſter thys preſent act of free pardon for his or their diſcharge, of & for euery thyng that is by vertue of this preſēt act pardoned, diſcharged, geuē, or grauted without any fee or other thing in any wiſe paying to any perſon or perſons for writing or entry of the iudgemēt, or other cauſe concerning ſuch plee, writing, or entrye, but onely .xii.d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that ſhal enter the plea, matter, or iudgement, for the diſcharge of any of the parties ſo pleading the ſame, any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And furthermore, the kinges highnes is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctheritie of this preſent Parliamēt, that his ſaid free Pardon by the general wordes before reherſed, ſhalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of courtes and els where, aſwel in the wordes and clauſes of exceptions and forprises ſpecified in this preſent act, as in all and finguler other clauſes, wordes, and ſentences mencioned & rehearſed in this his ſaid free pardon moſt beneficially and auaylably to all and finguler his ſaide ſubiects, bodies corporate, & other before reherſed, and to euery of them in all things ambiguous or doubtfull, and moſt ſtrongly in Barre and diſcharge againſt hys highnes, his heires, ſucceſſours, and executours, in euery thing without any obſtacle, challēge, or other delay, whatſoeuer it ſhalbe to bee made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the king our ſouereigne lord, his heirs, ſucceſſours, or executours, or by his, or any of their generall attorney or attorneys, or by any perſon or perſons for his highnes or any of his heires ſucceſſours, or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our ſouereigne Lord, by auctheritie of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any his highnes courtes, commonly called the kinges Bench, Chauncerye, and Common place, or his Exchequer, or of any other officer or clerke, of any other court within this realme or in Wales, or other his highnes dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the tenth daye of May next comming, which ſhalbe in the yere of oure Lorde God a thouſand cccc.xlix. make oute, or write oute any maner writtes or other proceſſe, or anye extractes, ſummons, or other precepts, whereby any of the ſaid Subiectes, or any of the ſaide bodies corporate, or other before rehearſed, or any of them, ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtrayned, ſūmoned, or otherwiſe vexed, inquieted, or grieued in his or their bodyes landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in anye of them, for, or becauſe of any manner of thing pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of thys

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acte of free pardon, he so offending, and thereof lawfullye condempned, shall yelde and paye for the recompence therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble damages, to bee accompted as parcell of the damages and costes of the suite. And neuertheles, all and singuler suche wrytte, processe, extractes, and preceptes, so to be made for or vpon anye maner thing pardoned or discharged by this act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Except alwaies and forprised out of this generall and free pardone, all and all maner prepenced and voluntarie murders, and poysoninges. And except all felonious taking or stealinge of anye goodes or cattalles out of any church, chappell, or dwelling house, & all and synguler robberyes and robberye of any persone or persones, in or nere any high way committed, perpetrated, or done.

And also except and forprised out of this free pardon, al, & al manner of pyracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed or perpetrated, sithen the first day of January, in the first yere of the reigne of oure soueraigne Lord the king. And also all and all maner of punishements, impetitions, forfeytures, paynes of death, iudgements, and execucyons, for the premisses before excepted, & for euery of them.

And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and all manner of deceytes and concelementes of all and singuler Moyers, and other officers, ministers, and workemen of, or in any of the myntes within any of the kinges realmes or dominions, perpetrated, done, or commyted, in, or aboute the making, coyning, or altering of any money currant within this realme, or in any wise touching or concerning any accomptes, or bookes of anye of the sayde officers or ministers, or any of them, and all maner of impetitions, punishments, forfeytures, and paynes for the same.

And except and forprised oute of thys free pardon, all and singuler sommes and somme of money, graunted to the late king Henry theight by way or meane of subsidie, fiftene, beneuolence, loane, and contribucion, or by anye of the same waies or meanes. And all deteiners, withholdinges and none paymentes touching or concerning the same, and also, all and all maner of accomptes, and all actions, suites, and demaundes, touching or concerning any accomptes, and al arrerages of accomptes, and all debtes, impetitions, suites, demaundes, & execucions, by occasiō or meanes of any accompt, or for any accompt.

And also except al titles of actions of Quare impedit, al raushments and withholding of the kinges wardes, & the withholding of any wardes, landes, or tenementes, and the profite of the same landes and tenementes, and al and euery fine or fines for the single value or double value of the mariage or mariages of any the kinges wardes, at any tyme, growen to the king our soueraigne Lorde, or to anye of hys noble progenitours.

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And also excepte all Homages and Reliefes, and all rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seeke, and tenthes, and tharrerages of euerye of them.

And also except and forpriſed out of this free pardone, all and singuler forfaytures, and all maner of penalties, summes of money, and profites whatsoeuer, growen or dewe, by reason of anye offence of any act committed or done, contrary to any statute or statutes, or cõtrary to the common lawe extending aboue the summe of ten poundes in money or value, whereof any seysure was made, or any informacion geuen in the kynges Exchequer, or any suite there commensed and now depending, before the.xii. day of Febzuary in ỳ yere of our Lord God M.D.xlviii. and not yet determined, or whereof the kynges highnesse or kyng Henry the eyght, by bill sealed with any of their seales, before the fowertene day of Marche, in the yere of our Lord God a thousande fyue hundzed xlviii. haue made anye gift or assignement, to any of the seruaũts of our soueraigne lorde the king, or king Henry the eight, or to anye other persone or persones.

And excepte and forepriſed oute of this free pardone, al and singuler forfaytures and summes of money being due to our soueraigne Lorde the kyng, or to kyng Henry the eyght, by anye penall statute or statutes which be conuerted into the nature of debts by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendour.

And except and forepriſed out of this free pardone, all and al maner of debts, due, and to be due to our soueraigne Lorde the kyng, or vnto the late noble kynge of famous memorye king Henrye the eyghte, and king Henry the seuenth, or to any of them (other then such as are due to oure soueraigne Lorde the king) vpon any obligacion or recognisaunce forfayted for none apparaunce, or for not kepyng of the peace, or not being of good behauiour.

And also except all issues, fines, and amerciamentes affered, tared, set, extracted, or entred seuerallye, or particulerly, touchyng and concerning any one persone, or moe persones ioyntly extending to the summe of twenty poundes or aboue. And that all and singuler other fynes, aswell fines pro licencia concordandi as other fines for cõtemptes or offences set or tared, and also all issues, and amerciamentes, aswel real as other which seuerally or particulerly extend not vpon or concerning anye one persone or moe persons iointly, to the summe of twenty poũds, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of anye shirif or shirifs, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debte, or not turned into debt, and not being leuied nor receiued by any shirife or shirifes, baylife, ministers, or other officers shalbe fully, clerely, and playnelye pardoned and discharged against the king our soueraigne Lorde, his heires and successours for euer, by this present act of free pardon.

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And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that in case it shalbe obiected to or against any Shirife or Shirifes, or other accomptaunt or accomptantes in the kings court of Exchequer, or in any other his courts, that any shirife or shirifes, or other officers accomptant haue receiued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciaments, by thys presēt act pardoned and acquited, that then euery such shirife or shirifes, or other accomptāts shalbe discharged, released, pardoned, & acquited therof by his or their ethe without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaies, that this present act of free pardō, nor any thing therin contayned, in any wise extend to discharge, pardon, remitte, or acquite any persone or persones, for any maner of issues, fines, or amercyaments of twenty pound or vnder, whereof any Shirifes hath heretofore accompted before the Barons of the kynges Exchequier, or els where, and payde the same issues, fines or amerciamentes, vppon his or their said accompt, determined to the kinges vse, and haue hys or theire quietus est for the same.

Prouyded also, and be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery persone and persones, which haue tended to sue Liuery out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sue anye lyuerye out of the kinges handes, or that ought to sue anye Ouster le mayne, of any manours, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue and be bounden to sue his and their Liuerye, or Liueries, and Ouster le mayne, of his and their manours, lands, tenements, and hereditamentes, as they ought or should haue done, if this free pardone had neuer been graunted, anye article, clause, matter or sentence, acte, or actes, thing or thinges in this present act of free pardon, comprised or specified to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

And excepte and forprised oute of thys free pardon, all and singuler persone and persones being the saide. xiiii. day of March, in the yeare of our lorde God. M. D. xlviii. prisoner or prisoners in ẏ Towre of Londō or in the Fleete, or which were in the said prisones, or anye of them, at anye time since the first day of February in the yeare of our Lorde God a M. D. and. xlviii. and are not discharged oute of prison the sayde xiiii. day of Marche: and also al and singuler person and persons at any time before the eyght day of Marche in the sayd yere of our Lord God a M D. xlviii. put to deth or in execuciō by vertue of any maner of iudgemēt against him or them geuen,

And except and forprised oute of this free pardone, all and all maner of treasons done, comitted, or perpetrated by anye persone or persones in any of the parties beyond the Sea, or in Scotlande, by any persone or persones now being beyonde the Sea, or in Scotlande (other then such treasons, or petit treasons, as haue ben committed, perpetrated, or done by any person being beyond the Sea, or in Scotlande, that before the feast of the Natiuity of our Lord God, that shalbe in the yere of our

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lord God.M.D.xlix. shall come & make their returne and repaire, into this realme of England) and except all imperitions, punishementes, forfeytures, peins of death, execucions & iudgements, for the said treasõs.

And furthermore, the kinges maiestie of his especial grace, and clemencie, is pleased and contented, that it bee enacted and stablished by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and singuler persone and personnes, beyng borne within this realme of England, or in any of the kinges dominions, and now being beyond the sea, or in Scotland, whiche before the first day of Marche, in the yere of our Lorde God.M.D.xlviii. did flye out of this realme of Englande, or anye of the kynges Dominions, for any high treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, or for anye felony, murder, or other cryme, or offence, by him or them, in anye wise committed, done, or perpetrated, shal by vertue of this free pardon, be clerely discharged, acquited, and pardoned, of all and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of treasõ, & other offences, & crymes whatsoeuer done, committed, or perpetrated before the said first day of Marche in the saide yere of our Lord God.M.D.xlviii. And of all maner of impeticions, suites, penalties, forfeytures, & executions for the same: So that he or they do come, and make their retourne and repayre into this realme of England, on thys syde the saide feast of the Natiuitie of oure Lord God.M.D.xlix.

And also our sayde soueraigne Lord the kyng by vertue of thys act, and by thaucthoritie abouesaid, doth geue aucthoritie and licence to al & euery of the saide persone and persones, beinge beyonde the sea, or in Scotland to retorn, & repaire into this realme of England & other hys dominiõs, before ỳ same feast of ỳ Natiuitie of our lord God.M.D.xlix

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery clerk, & other of any office of the kings courtes, without any forfayture, losse, or punishement for the same, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlagatum, at the suite of the partie playntife, agaynst any person or persons, being outlawed in eny action, to thintent to compell the person or persones so outlawed, to make aunswere to the playntife or playntifes, at whose suite hee or they were, or was outlawed, and also that euery person and persons, now being outlawed, shalbe bounden to sue a writte of Scire facias, agaynst the partye or parties, at whose suite he or they were, or was outlawed, before such time as the person or persons so outlawed, shal take any aduauntage of this free pardon concerning his or their outlawry.

And the king our Souereigne Lord is contented & pleased to graũt by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that it shalbee lawefull to all and synguler Archebishops & bishops of this his Realme of Englande and Wales to deliuer out of prison, and set at libertye, all and singuler those persones beynge in prison, in theire custody, or in the custody of anye of them, as clerke, or clerkes conuict, or attainted, which he pardoned by this act of

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free pardon, without any further act or suite, to bee made for the allowaunce of this pardon or otherwise, any act of Parliament, lawe, vsage, custome, or other thing to ỳ contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwayes, and bee it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that this present act of free pardon, or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende, to discharge or pardon any offence, payn, or penaltie, done, committed, or forfayted, by force of any estatut, heretofore made, against the decaying of any house or houses of husbandry, or conuerting of any lād frō tillage into pasture, or otherwise, or in any other maner, then to pardon, and discharge all issues, profytes, paynes, & penalties, growen, or due to the kynges Maiestie, or to his late father of famous memorye king Henrye the eyght, before the last daye of March, in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D.xlix. or by reason of any such offēce or offēces, which issues, profites, paines and penalties, are plainly & clerely before pardoned, in and by this present act of free pardon, nor shal extēd to geue or make anye licence or dispensacion to any person or persons, to hold or continue the same so decayed, contrary to the fourme of any furthe statute or statutes.

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